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Strike plan called off

KUWAIT, June 16, (Kuna): The Kuwait Union of Oil and Petrochemical Workers decided to cancel tomorrow's strike by its members because the union has been told that its demands will be studied.

The decision to cancel the strike was announced by the union's president Salem Hamad Suwayan.

Sources told Kuna that His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem received earlier today a group representing the union led by its leader Suwayan, who requested the meeting.

Hirawi rejects Vatican proposal

BEIRUT, June 16, (Agencies): President Elias Hirawi's government has rejected a proposal by the Vatican to amend an Arab League-brokered peace plan in return for rebel Gen. Michel Aoun recognising Hirawi's authority, newspapers reported today.

Beirut's independent *Al-Nahar* daily said a "unified stand" on rejecting the proposal was taken by Hirawi, a Maronite Catholic, Prime Minister Salim Hoss, a Sunni Muslim, and Parliament Speaker Hussein Husseini, a Shiite Muslim.

Police reported that Aoun's mainly Christian troops skirmished with their rivals, the Lebanese Forces militia led by Christian leader Samir Geagea, during the night.

That was the latest violation of an increasingly fragile month-old ceasefire, brokered by the Vatican, in their power struggle for control of the Christian enclave north of Beirut.

Police said the two sides clashed with machine-guns and rocket-propelled grenades by the light of parachute flares in Christian East Beirut.

But police said no casualties were reported and the fighting died down at dawn.

By police count, 1,036 people have been killed and 2,774 wounded since the fighting erupted Jan. 30. The battles have forced 40 per cent of the enclave's one million population to flee to safer areas or leave the country.

The reported rejection of the Vatican's initiative was a setback for efforts to break the deadlock in the Arab League's peace effort to end Lebanon's 15-year-old civil war between Christians and Muslims.

Aoun today released 37 rival Lebanese Forces militiamen taken prisoner during nearly five months of a fierce power struggle between the warring factions.

Officials said the militia members, who were held in underground jails, were handed over to officials of the International Committee of the Red Cross in the town of Kfarshima southeast of Beirut.

Sources close to Aoun called on Geagea to follow suit and release some kidnapped army troops.

Heavy monsoon rains paralyse life in Bombay

BOMBAY, June 16, (Reuters): Heavy monsoon rains today paralysed the city and the port of Bombay, India's main commercial centre, and a weatherman predicted more rain over the next 24 hours.

The downpour, described as the heaviest ever for June, the first of the four-month monsoon season, halted the suburban trains which carry about three million people daily.

Most low-lying areas were flooded and at several places railway tracks were submerged under nearly a metre (three feet) of water.

Officials at Bombay port said rains halted loading and unloading work at the docks and most workers stayed home.

They said 26 ships were already waiting for berths in the harbour and the port, the country's busiest, was likely to get more congested in coming days.



HM the Amir talks with Collins (centre) as Sheikh Sabah looks on.

Collins meets Kuwaiti leaders

Focus on EEC role in Mideast peace

KUWAIT, June 16, (AP): Irish Foreign Minister Gerard Collins discussed with Kuwaiti leaders today the role the European Economic Community can play to help the Middle East peace process, informed sources said.

Collins, current chairman of the EEC ministerial council, held separate meetings with HH the Amir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah and

Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

The discussions focused in particular on the Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel and Arab fears that they will be settled in Israeli-occupied territories said the sources who requested anonymity.

The takeover of a hawkish government in Israel which has vowed to crush the Palestinian uprising in these territories was also discussed.

"We reviewed Europe's attitude toward the

perils implicit in the Soviet Jewish emigration to occupied territories ... we found extreme understanding in the EEC's part for this question ... said Sheikh Sabah to reporters following the meeting.

Collins said he briefed the Kuwaiti leaders on the outcome of the recent EEC's ministerial council meeting which stressed the need for "a just, comprehensive and durable solution for the Palestinian question."

Pakistan firm

Support to Kashmiris will continue: Khan

ISLAMABAD, June 16, (Reuters): Pakistan said today it would not budge from supporting a Kashmiri campaign for secession from India if it called a just cause.

"There will be no relaxation in our resolve to extend political, moral and diplomatic support to the Kashmiri people as their cause is our cause," Foreign Minister Sabahzada Yaqub Khan told parliament during a budget debate.

Pakistan denies Indian charges of training and arming the Kashmiri Muslim militants and Yaqub Khan said Islamabad hoped for a positive response from New Delhi to its proposal for urgent talks to reduce the threat of a fourth war between them.

He denied opposition charges that Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's government was soft towards India and had done little to back the Kashmiri campaign, in which at least 600 people have been killed since a government crackdown began in mid-January.

"Pakistan cannot remain indifferent to the fate of Kashmiri people, the denial of their rights and suppression of their just aspirations," he said.

A newly-elected legislative assembly took an oath of office in Pakistan's Azad Kashmir today and a man likely to head the territory's new government said helping militants would be among his top priorities.

Mumtaz Rathore of Benazir's Pakistan People's Party told reporters in the state capital Islamabad rather than the state government must raise the Kashmir issue at international forums like the United Nations.

Pakistan proposed earlier this month that top Foreign Ministry officials of the two countries meet before the end of June to begin a dialogue on Indian proposals for confidence-building, from which the Kashmir issue was absent.

Yaqub Khan said Pakistan wanted the foreign secretaries of the two countries to discuss "the central issue (of Kashmir) that threatens peace and security in the region, including the massing of forces on our borders."

"We hope that India would give a positive response and engage in meaningful dialogue to address the root cause of this fundamental issue and seek a just and peaceful solution," Yaqub Khan said.

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In Srinagar, Indian authorities briefly lifted a curfew on the old city today to let an estimated 600,000 residents buy food and other necessities after being confined to their homes for four consecutive days.

Stores in the old city did brisk business and residents talked of harassment and house-to-house searches by the Indian army during the curfew.

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Soweto Day

A crowd of 7,500 cheered black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela in Amsterdam on Saturday as he told the South African government on the anniversary of the Soweto uprising "Let bungo be bungo."

Fourteen years ago a schools protest in the South African township against apartheid-based education for blacks began an uprising in which police shot dead over 600 people.

"Today is June 16th. A day in 1976 when the government decided to mow our children down in Soweto," Mandela said.

But he added: "Despite all the cruelties committed in the past, we say to this government, let bungo be bungo and let us build a new South Africa together."

The deputy president of the African National Congress (ANC) is in the Netherlands as part of a world tour.

The Dutch are traditionally staunch opponents of apartheid despite their historic ties with the white Dutch-descended Afrikaners in South Africa.

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States: Iraq on collision course

WASHINGTON, June 16, (Reuters): The Bush administration said yesterday Iraq was on a collision course with the West because of its efforts to develop nuclear and chemical weapons and a "super gun," but that trade sanctions would not be effective against Baghdad.

"Iraq has demonstrated a willingness to go to great lengths to develop non-conventional weapons," Assistant Secretary of State Richard Kelly said.

"In that respect, Iraq is placing itself on a collision course not just with the United States but with the rest of the industrialised world."

"Iraq will quickly reach a point at which its genuine economic development aims will be hampered by its clandestine attempts to procure exotic and non-conventional weapons from the West," he told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

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Israel invites Arabs

Dial us at 705555

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 16, (Reuters): Israel said today that any telephone call to promote peace must be made by Arab states to Israel rather than to the United States.

"I suggest that the Arab states ... take this number: Jerusalem 705555, the prime minister's office," Justice Minister Dan Meridor told army radio.

"The moment that line comes to life, the moment there is a conversation from an Arab capital on it, and the moment they request the prime minister there, we will know there is a chance for the peace process," Meridor said.

US Secretary of State James Baker told Congress's Foreign Affairs Committee on Wednesday there would be no Mideast peace if Israel's new hardline government insisted Palestinians accept its idea of autonomy before talks began.

Baker gave the White House telephone number — 1-202-456-1414 — and told Israel, "when you're serious about peace, call us."

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Grand Bingo

KD 250 must be won

Last date for sending entries for Game No. 77 is June 18 and numbers will be drawn from June 20.

BUCHAREST, June 16, (Agencies): Romania's capital regained an outward calm today after three days of street violence sullied the image of a revolution born six months ago this week-end.

Shoppers hurrying for shelter in Bucharest's rain-swept streets no longer had to watch out for squads of cosh-swinging miners who battered passers-by they suspected of holding anti-government opinions.

But government officials

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North Korea will not support Manila rebels

MANILA, June 16, (AP): North Korea has assured the Philippines it will not support rebels fighting the government of President Corazon Aquino and hopes for better relations between the two countries.

The assurances were contained in a letter from North Korean Vice-Prime Minister Kim Dul Hayon to Aquino brought to Manila by a group of Filipino legislators who visited North Korea June 7-12.

Copies of the letter were distributed today by the department of foreign affairs.

Kim said he was authorized to agree to a proposal by the Filipino legislators to assure Manila that his government will not support the outlawed Communist Party of the Philippines, which has been waging a 21-year guerrilla war against the government.

Rep. Jose De Venecia, chairman of the House of Representatives' committee on foreign affairs and leader of the five-member delegation, said Kim promised his government will not provide training and weapons for local communists "now and in the future."

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Cory vows to pursue land reform programme

MANILA, June 16. (AP): President Corazon Aquino vowed yesterday to pursue her controversial land reform programme and said her administration has already distributed more land than the government of the late Ferdinand Marcos.

In a speech marking the second year of the comprehensive agrarian reform programme, Aquino said 429,276 farm plots had been distributed to 315,817 landless rice and corn farmers in 1988.

and 1989, and another 17,916 had been distributed during the first quarter of 1990.

She said this compared with the 13-year record of less than 150,000 plots distributed to about 23,000 tenants by the previous administration. The Marcos government was toppled in a popular revolt in 1986 that installed Aquino as president.

Aquino said her government's land reform programme includes all private

and public lands.

"National interest dictates that we pursue agrarian reform with the vigour and zeal we had when we began," Aquino said. "Carp is the linchpin to our economic restructuring effort. Its successful implementation is our long-term guarantee of national economic recovery and development."

Aquino said that when she took office after the "people power" revolution in 1986, she was tempted to

sacrifice democratic processes for a speedy implementation of land reform.

"But if we had done so, we would have mocked the very ideals of freedom that we had fought for," she said. "Even the implementation of agrarian reform has to be subservient to the methods of democracy."

Aquino also appealed for co-operation and "statesmanship" among officials in other branches of government to guarantee the success of the

programme.

The land reform programme has

been criticised by both landlords and

farmers. Landlords charge the

programme is confiscatory and "com-

munistic" while peasant associations

say it provides big landowners many

loopholes.

The sharpest criticism has been

against a decision to distribute shares of

stocks rather than land in the 6,000-

hectare (14,820-acre) Aquino family-

owned sugar estate north of Manila. There also have been allegations of corruption involving the overpricing of private lands acquired for redistribution to farmers.

The Department of Agrarian Reform, which oversees the programme, has had four secretaries in as many years.

A scandal involving the overpricing of land in 1989 forced then secretary Philip Juico to resign.

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Filipinos unaware of issues on bases

MANILA, June 16. (UPI): President Corazon Aquino's government announced plans today to conduct a comprehensive information campaign on the presence of US military bases after a survey revealed many Filipinos were unaware of the key issues involved.

However, press under-secretary Horacio Paredes, who released the survey results, did not say if the proposed information campaign will be for or against the renewal of US basing rights, which expire Sept. 391.

The survey, which involved 200 residents of Metro-Manila, showed 100 per cent of the respondents were aware of the presence of the US installations and 94 per cent knew about the expiry date of the bases treaty.

However, despite these important knowledge, few of the respondents feel they are sufficiently informed about the deeper issues on the US bases and the proposed alternative bases should the US stay or leave.

"This level of awareness indeed has to be developed since this may be crucial in any decision-making exercise on the bases issue," said the survey conducted immediately after first round of talks on the future of the facilities ended May 18 in Manila.

"There is a pressing need to conduct an information campaign on the issues that would act as a comprehensive primer for the community on the history, developments and the future of the bases in the country."

Only two per cent of the respondents said they did not have sufficient knowledge about the issues involved and 60 per cent said they were not fully aware of the alternatives being planned by the government if the facilities are pulled out.

The survey showed 79 per cent agreed with the serving of a notice of termination, 80 per cent were in favour of the United States settling a \$22 million and shortfall and 75 per cent agreed that the two nations should remain friends even if the bases are dismantled.

Paredes said the results of the survey will be forwarded to the Philippine panel in the negotiations headed by Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus. The talks are expected to resume in late August.

The survey said the lack of sufficient knowledge on the issues regarding the bases has created a "dangerous information vacuum that can be manipulated by vested interests" and proposed more widespread media coverage of the next round of talks.

The Philippines hosts the giant Clark air base, the largest US air base in Asia, and Subic Bay naval station, the sprawling repair and logistics centre for the US seventh fleet, and four smaller facilities.

Rebels claim killing

MANILA, June 16. (AP): Communist rebels today claimed responsibility for killing a senior Filipino intelligence officer earlier this week, blaming the death on the officer's resistance to being captured.

The communist New People's Army said Col. Saturnino Dumiao, whose military intelligence group was assigned to track down communist rebels, violently resisted capture, forcing rebels to shoot him.

The attack Monday on Dumiao was the first time rebels have attempted to kidnap a military officer in the capital.

A military spokesman said Dumiao was driving toward when a van blocked his car a few metres (yards) from his home in suburban Parañaque. Four men armed with automatic rifles and pistols jumped out and opened fire on him, killing Dumiao on the spot. The gunmen escaped.

Last week, Dumiao and his men captured Antonio Rajan, allegedly the sixth highest ranking leader of the outlawed Communist Party of the Philippines, near the spot where he was gunned down.

try officials.

It was the worst outburst of violence since the December revolution that led to the overthrow and execution of communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

The thousands of miners left, as they arrived, at the behest of president-elect Ion Iliescu. The President yesterday thanked "with all my heart" the workers who came to defend his government against what he termed "fascist" rebellion organized by right-wingers in Romania and elsewhere in Europe.

The last train of miners left Bucharest late last night for western Romania, railway official Ion Tica was quoted as saying by Rompress.

The centre of the city was quiet as a steady rain fell. Armored police carrying automatic weapons guarded University Square and reinforcements sat in trucks nearby.

Rows of tanks guarded key buildings including government headquarters and the state television headquarters, which came under fierce attack on Wednesday night from anti-government demonstrators.

Iliescu told the miners yesterday that he was planning a national guard "of clean, loyal, honest people, who can act resolutely at exceptional times," according to a Romanian radio reported monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp. in London.

Iliescu said he reiterated previous statements that the government was under threat from a right-wing coup, and charged that forces from abroad were involved.

"We are dealing here with a broader scenario of European proportions," Iliescu was quoted as saying. "There was a joint action of right-wing forces, which started from the presumption that right-wing forces in all East European countries could come to power."

Iliescu also said Interior and Defence Ministry forces will maintain order in Bucharest, patrolling day and night.

Teams of blue-helmeted police bearing truncheons and soldiers were seen in the early hours today in the centre of the capital.

The government on Thursday accused police of failing to act with enough resolve against anti-government demonstrators.

A late-night TV newscast contained a commentary deplored violence "against innocent people," but no film.



Petre Roman addresses a press conference in Bucharest. (Reuter wirephoto)

Romania students losing all hopes

BUCHAREST, June 16. (AP): Viorel Budulacu, beaten up during a crackdown on anti-government demonstrations, says he suffered more than cuts and bruises. He also lost his idealism.

"The only chance is to defect — flee from Romania," said the 25-year-old student.

Like many students who helped spearhead the December revolution that toppled Nicolae Ceausescu, Budulacu said he has lost faith in president-elect Ion Iliescu.

Iliescu and his National Salvation Front won the May 20 elections but the protesters say they are continuing Ceausescu's repressive policies.

Budulacu, a sophomore at Bucharest polytechnic, was one of 367 people hurt since police broke up a 53-day-old peaceful anti-communist protest at downtown university square on Wednesday.

That action touched off fierce street violence that claimed five lives when security forces opened fire on crowds attacking them.

Iliescu called for help in quelling the anti-government demonstrations, and thousands of coal miners responded by pouring into the capital and brutally beating anyone they suspected of being an opponent of the government.

Marius Dinu, 22, an architecture student and university square protester, told reporters at the emergency hospital on Friday he has no hope left for Romania.

"I don't know what's awaiting me. I would like to leave the country for good... and forget all about the hopes the revolution has given me," Dinu said.

Dinu was hospitalized after being clubbed, punched and kicked by miners Thursday morning in the school of architecture on the square.

"They threw us on top of each other into a moaning pile," he said.

Emergency hospital director Mihai Ciuta told a news conference Friday that 48 of the 236 injured people treated at his facility since Wednesday morning remained hospitalized, most with multiple injuries.

Marian Munteanu, president of the students' league and one of the leaders of the anti-government protest, has a fractured skull and broken left leg and arm, Dr. Horst Georgescu said.

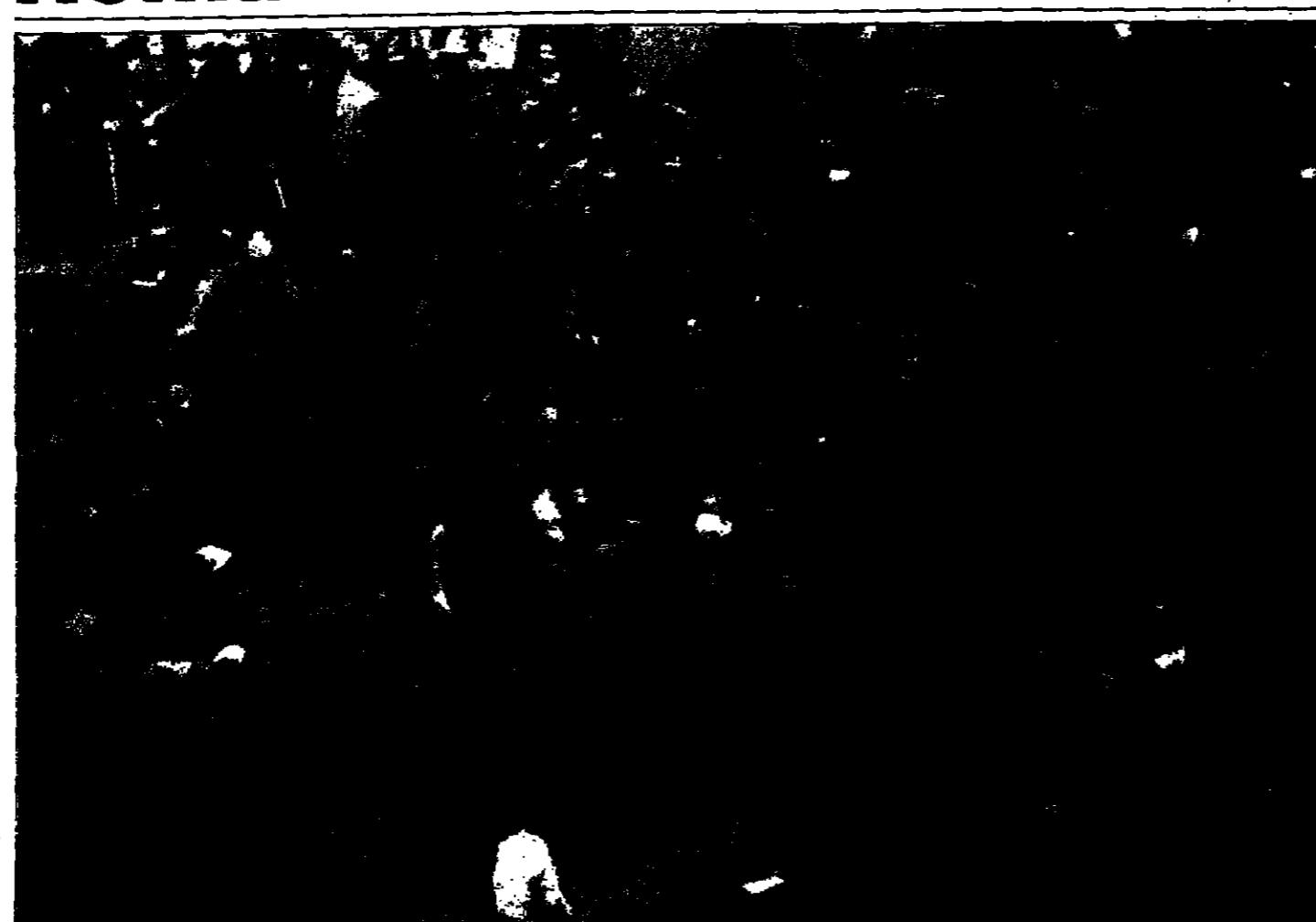
Munteanu, speaking from the emergency ward, said he believed Iliescu's rule was doomed to fail.

"I wouldn't like to be in Iliescu's place. I believe in God and one day we will all have to answer God's questions for whatever we have done," he said.

"It's a long way to democracy," said Munteanu, close to tears. "You are now watching a growing dictatorship."

Iliescu was shown on state television Friday night thanking the miners "with all my heart" for defending his government.

Marius Dobrescu, beaten by paramilitary police when he and other demonstrators stormed the state television building, is now in intensive care. He said he was about to leave Romania.



Thousands of miners arrived in central University Square, Bucharest on June 14. Ten thousand miners supporting President Ion Iliescu took over the square from anti-government protesters. (Reuter wirephoto)

Knighthoods

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The government rewards the loyalty and service of hundreds of people twice each year — at the New Year and in June in honour of the monarch's official birthday.

Oldfield, 39, reared in a Yorkshire children's home, became a favourite fashion designer of the Princess of Wales. He was made an OBE, or Officer of the Order of British Empire.

Tucked away in the shadow of these luminaries, among the head librarians, tax inspectors and civil service secretaries, are professionals more piquant, if less glamorous, than drama and fashion.

Tracy Edwards, 27, whose all-woman crew placed second in their class in the Whitbread around-the-world yacht race, became an MBE, or Member of the Order of British Empire.

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Leukaemia girl given transfusion despite parents' protest

NICOSIA, June 16. (AP): A 2-year-old Greek Cypriot girl suffering from leukaemia was given a life-saving blood transfusion today after the government authorised it because her parents refused to allow the treatment on religious grounds.

"We had to rescue the child from death," said Helen Soteriou, a British-born leukaemia expert at Nicosia's Evangelistria clinic who conducted the transfusion for the girl, Stephanie Charalambous.

The girl's parents, Tritos and Eleni Charal-

ambous, are Jehovah's Witnesses, a fundamentalist Christian sect that forbids blood transfusions.

The government stepped in last night in an unprecedented move to declare Stephanie a ward of the state welfare department, climaxing a week-long drama over the child's fate that has gripped this East Mediterranean island.

George Marcoulis, a cancer specialist at the private clinic, told reporters that Stephanie was responding well to an initial transfusion

of one pint of blood.

Several more transfusions are planned in a bid to combat the leukaemia, an often-lethal blood disease, doctors reported.

"She's improving," Marcoulis said. "Her white blood cells are stable... we're planning to continue treatment, including chemotherapy.

"Her chances of survival are definitely in the range of 60-80 per cent," he said.

Health Minister Panikos Pappouliou, himself a physician, declared when the govern-

ment intervened yesterday: "The parents have no power. We have to act to save the child's life. She came to us late. Her condition is critical."

Stephanie's parents snatched her from London's Great Ormond Street Hospital Monday to prevent her being given a transfusion there and returned to Cyprus defying a British court order that the transfusion should go ahead.

They went into hiding after a Cypriot court also ordered them to allow the girl to have a

transfusion. Police issued arrest warrants for the parents and launched a dragnet to find them in a bid to save the girl's life.

The warrants were withdrawn after Stephanie's parents took her to the Evangelistria clinic Thursday.

But the couple went into hiding a second time with their daughter until police tracked them down yesterday and placed Stephanie under state care.

Day-long efforts by doctors at the clinic yesterday to persuade the parents to permit a

transfusion proved futile.

"Nobody can love my child as much as I do," her father told reporters after Stephanie was taken to the clinic yesterday.

"Of course, we'll do everything possible and sell all our belongings if necessary, with the full support of the rest of my family, to save Stephanie's life. But we cannot agree to a blood transfusion," he said.

Dr Soteriou said "there was no other way" to save Stephanie except to make Stephanie a ward of the state.

PEOPLED PLACES

NORFOLK, Virginia: First Lady Barbara Bush yesterday called General Douglas MacArthur a "giant among men" and praised his widow as a woman devoted to helping others during a dedication of the Jean MacArthur research centre.

"Jean MacArthur has received many honours, but the most fitting can be found here, where her husband is memorialised," Barbara told a crowd of about 700 gathered in MacArthur Square. "No one had a greater influence on the general."

She called the 91-year-old widow a "very good friend" and praised the military exploits of her husband, whose career stretched through two world wars and the Korean war.

"General MacArthur truly was a giant among men," said Barbara.

"A soldier, statesman, orator, writer of the first order and a deeply devoted husband."

Mrs MacArthur said she wasn't one to make speeches, but she appeared to relish her moment in the spotlight as she and Barbara cut a red ribbon to officially dedicate the centre. (AP)

VENICE, Italy: Red tape and ministerial rivalries are jeopardising an ambitious project to save Venice from sinking into its lagoon, a consortium said today.

The new Venice consortium of scientists and private and public companies told ministers the project was likely to miss a 1995 deadline.

"Unless there is an about-turn in present trends and whoever has the power to make the new start makes concrete commitments, the works will not be finished before 2020-2030," it said in a report.

The delay threatened the success of the project, which includes building a flood barrier in the city's lagoon.

Any project to save Venice, the report said, had to be approved by 23 government-run agencies and even then work would not start for another two to four years.

It appealed for fewer ministers and agencies to be involved, for guaranteed regular funding and for rigorous controls.

Venice has sunk 23 cm (10 inches) since the beginning of the century. (Reuters)

KLAMATH FALLS, Oregon: Hundreds of white pelicans returning to southern Oregon from their winter feeding grounds in Mexico have been dying at an alarming rate, and biologists said yesterday they are not sure why.

US fish and wildlife service biologist Jim Hainline of the Klamath basin wildlife refuge said 400 to 500 pelican carcasses have been turned in during the past month in the Klamath and Harney basins.

Five of the carcasses were sent to a wildlife laboratory in California, but scientists there were unable to determine the cause of the deaths, Hainline said.

Unsatisfied with that answer, Hainline said more carcasses have been sent to the national wildlife healthy laboratory in Madison, Wis. He said he suspects pesticide poisoning, but because of a tremendous backlog at the Wisconsin lab, Hainline does not expect to get any answers for several months. (UPI)

James Joyce's Ulysses

Celebration

DUBLIN, June 16. (Reuters): James Joyce fans took to the streets of his beloved "Dear Dirty Dublin" today in Edwardian striped blazers and boater hats to celebrate the Irish novelist's most famous work.

Most Dubliners may never even have opened the mammoth and highly complex "Ulysses" but that doesn't stop them marking with enthusiasm the day in 1904 when the book's hero, Leopold Bloom, wandered around Dublin.

Their eccentric peregrinations begin at the Joyce Tower in Sancycove south of Dublin, take in a lunch of Gorgonzola cheese and burgundy at Davy Byrne's pub, a horse-drawn cab ride around St Stephen's Green and a stopover at Sweeney's the chemist to buy some lemon soap.

One department store is even staging a James Joyce lookalike competition for anyone who can

Latoya
'My body is bruised'

LONDON, June 16. (UPI): LaToya Jackson returned to London from Rome with two black eyes, sparking a variety of reports that the singer was either beaten up, the victim of a kidnap attempt or both. The Daily Mail newspaper said yesterday.

The London tabloid said LaToya, Michael Jackson's sister, was injured while in Milan with her husband and manager, Jack Gordon, who said she was the target of a kidnap attempt Tuesday in the northern Italian city.

It quoted LaToya as saying through her spokesman Richard Rubenstein: "I was beaten up in Milan two days ago -- I don't want to talk about it."

Italian police have denied any reports of violence against Jackson, the Mail said.

"LaToya also said 30 to 40 per cent of her body is covered in bruises and it is very difficult for her to move," Rubenstein told the Mail.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska: A temperature measurement is making news among Alaska's Eskimos, Indians and Aleuts natives.

More than 100 villages with large Eskimo, Indian or Aleut populations have approved alcohol restrictions since 1980, when the legislature began enacting laws letting communities ban the sale, importation or possession of alcohol.

"Soberly is not a dirty word any longer... There is a real spirit in the community that supports change," said Carla Beasley, health director for 300 Athabascan Indians living in or near the village of Unalakleet, 130 miles (200 km) west of Fairbanks.

But temperature laws alone don't eliminate alcohol use. Bootlegging usually is rampant in remote areas where "dry" villages about "wet" villages, authorities say.

"Prohibition doesn't work," said Bonney. "It didn't work for the US in the 1920s. If people want to drink, they are going to find a way."

NAIROBI: A member of Kenya's ruling party has withdrawn a suggestion that people who flash the two-finger "V" sign in support of a multi-party system should have their fingers chopped off.

In recent months a two-finger salute in Kenya, which has a single political party, has become a call sign for pluralism.

Wilson Leitch, a local leader of the Kenya African National Union (Kanu), said on Monday that party youth-wingers should hunt down people making the gesture and cut their fingers off.

Censured by party headquarters and in an editorial in one newspaper describing the advice as "despicable, horrifying, courageous," a chastened Leitch said on Wednesday.



Warren Beatty leaves his handprints in cement at Disney MGM Studios Theme Park June 14 as part of the world premiere of his movie. (Reuter wirephoto)

Tells about how Americans live

Book on US culture

WASHINGTON, June 16. (Reuters): For number freaks, the annual US guide to American culture hit the bookstands on yesterday and it tells a lot about how Americans live — good and bad.

Called the "statistical abstract of the United States," this 991-page government publication printed for the last 110 years gives a flattering and not-so-flattering look at America.

Americans are smoking fewer cigarettes and drinking more beer. They are eating a lot of ice cream but skipping breakfast.

Perhaps because of this and the fact they eat 73 pounds (33 kgs) of beef annually the average American is 30 per cent overweight.

But they are excercising — about 6.3 million people do calisthenics regularly. Nearly 11 million people jog.

In the compilation of over 75,000 statistics, the book shows that despite television, Americans are reading more and paying more to do it.

They spent \$1.7 million for \$570 million mass market paperbacks in 1988, compared to almost \$1 billion for 500 million popular paperbacks in 1980.

Traditionally the most popular of the government's reports, the "statistical abstract of the United States" is for sale at government book stores for \$28 in paperback, \$34 for clothbound copies.

160 held in gang sweep

One for the heart
\$7.5m to widow

NEW YORK, June 16. (AP): A Manhattan jury awarded more than \$7.5 million yesterday to the widow of a young actor stabbed to death nine years ago by killer-author Jack Henry Abbott, a protege of writer Norman Mailer.

The jury of five women and one man awarded the money to Ricci Adam, 32, whose husband, Richard, 22, was knifed in the heart by Abbott outside the Binion's restaurant on the New York's Lower East Side on July 18, 1981.

Mrs Adam and her family sat quietly as the court clerk polled the jury at Abbott's request. Then, leaving the courtroom, they whooped, shouted and hugged each other in celebration of the verdict.

"It's been a nightmare," said Mrs Adam. Then she spoke of her slain husband. "He's not just a speck of dust anymore," she said. "He's not just victim, or a piece of paper. He's a human being. And he can rest now."

Abbott, 46, is serving a 15-year-to-life sentence on a first-degree manslaughter conviction in Adam's death.

Naomi Zack, the state university's New York philosophy instructor who married last September while imprisoned, was not in court for the verdict. She had been present almost every day and was the only witness Abbott called.

Despite state Supreme Court Justice Carol Arber's offer of a court-appointed attorney, Abbott acted as his own lawyer during the two-week trial in defence against the wrongful death suit filed by Mrs Adam.

Abbott tried to convince the jury that Adam endured no pain and suffered because the single knife thrust through the heart killed him instantly.

"I'm not a savage," Abbott explained. In a savage and "atrocious" murder, he explained, the killer tries to inflict maximum damage on his victim.

Abbott also disputed Pace University economist's projections that Adam might have earned \$17 million as a successful actor by the time he was 65.

The bureau's national investigation revealed the Crips and Bloods are heavily involved in crack distribution and firearms trafficking, he said.

The largest narcotics seizure was nearly 13 pounds (six kilogramme) of cocaine worth \$250,000 in Shreveport, Louisiana.

The operation began Thursday and continued yesterday. The majority of arrests were in southern California, where 134 people were taken into custody.

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Aids patient shows progress

Blood-heating treatment

ATLANTA, June 16. (UPI): The second AIDS patient to undergo an unproven blood-heating treatment showed early signs of improvement yesterday, his doctors said.

Tony Mascio, 38, a hospital administrator from Chicago who underwent the \$30,000 hyperthermia treatment at Atlanta hospital on Thursday, had an increase in the level of disease-fighting white blood cells in his body, he said.

"He looks good," said Dr Kenneth Alonso. "His vital signs are stable and his laboratory work looks reasonable. His white blood-cell count was 1,000 per cubic millimetre prior to surgery and today it's up to 4,300 per cubic millimetre."

Trump: gone too far, too fast?

NEW YORK, June 16. (Reuters): Donald Trump's failure to make a key bond mortgage payment yesterday was the first concrete sign that the egocentric tycoon may have over-reached himself.

While he could still recover by refinancing, the business tycoon who created and stuck his name on a tower, a plaza, a castle, a park, a shuttle and even a Taj Mahal is grounded.

He is now forced to join a growing list of paper billionaires who move too far, too fast?

The last such on the North American scene was Canadian developer Robert Campeau, whose department store conglomerate collapsed into bankruptcy earlier this year.

Despite their different origins Campeau, from a humble French Canadian village family, and Trump, a smooth Manhattan socialite born with a silver spoon in his mouth, have more in common.

Both scored spectacular coups in their specialty field, real estate. Both then jeopardised their futures and those of thousands of workers dependent upon them with ill-advised investments in other sectors.

Early successes launched Campeau and Trump into careers in which they were the central players in personalised private companies.

The charismatic, driven styles that won investors for their early deals also won backers when they strayed from the real estate they knew so well.

Trump's casino (The Taj Mahal) and airline (The Shuttle) and Campeau's plunge into retailing attracted billions of dollars in backing — even though the two were novices in those fields.

In the deregulated atmosphere of the Reagan era, bankers fell over each other to lend money and generate huge up-front fees for arranging big deals for charismatic characters like Campeau and Trump.

"Bankers got out of the habit of saying 'no' in the 1980s," said James Grant, editor of Grant's Interest Rate Observer.

He cited the crisis in the US savings and loan business as one legacy of the "anything goes" epoch. The failure of many of the 1980s tycoons is another.

Big crashes have also included those of Alan Bond, the Australian entrepreneur, and the Hunt Brothers of Texas.

For a time, Trump was such a symbol of success that he was touted as a possible contender for the White House — a suggestion he clearly relished.

When Trump, at his own expense, repaired in a few months an ice-skating rink in New York's Central Park that had been closed for six years of troubled city-funded renovation, he won a million dollars' worth of free publicity.

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Restructuring the army

Nicaraguan President Violeta Chamorro (left) reads an announcement June 15 in Managua, briefly specifying a plan to restructure the army and reduce it by 50 per cent. The plan includes the eventual removal of high level army officials although names and ranks were not mentioned. Members of the Sandinista Popular Army High Command General Humberto Ortega, (right) Major-General



General Joaquin Cuadra and Colonel Javier Carrion (left) all shown in picture, right, stand for the Nicaraguan national anthem in Managua during the ceremony. Right bottom: soldiers chanting slogans during a military parade in Managua. (Reuter wirephotos)

Managua plans to cut army by half

MANAGUA, June 16. (Reuter): President Violeta Chamorro has announced drastic cuts in the Nicaraguan Army. Central America's largest, and conditioned further reductions on neighbouring countries also reducing their forces.

Chamorro said in a speech on Friday that by the time her government completes its first 100 days in office on Aug. 2, the Army will be reduced to 41,000 men, half the size it was when she took office on April 25.

"I want a blessed nation that instead of burying its sons in a war between brothers, buries arms forever," Chamorro said in the speech attended by members of the army high command, her cabinet, Roman Catholic Church prelate Cardinal Miguel Obando Y Bravo and Managua-based diplomats.

Top army officer General Humberto Ortega, who will remain in his post, said the Nicaraguan force now numbered about 60,000 having been cut from 96,600 men at the beginning of the year.

The Nicaraguan Army was formed by the leftist Sandinista government after the 1979 revolution ousted rightist dictator Anastasio Somoza.

During the height of the war against US-backed Contra rebels the government force, still called the Popular Sandinista Army, grew to over 100,000 men armed with an array of Soviet-supplied weapons.

An estimated 30,000 people died in the war, which was fought throughout most of the 1980s.

Chamorro campaigned for the February 25 elections against the Sandinistas promising to end the war and "send all the weapons to the bottom of the sea."

The President said on Friday, "the war is behind us." She noted that 14,200 Contras had been disarmed and the full rebel force was due to be disbanded in the coming days.

Chamorro said more cuts will be made in the army, including the officer corps, after the force is reduced to 41,000 men.

But she said the size of further cuts would depend on accords on a "reasonable balance of forces" in Central America.

"A Central America in peace, in democracy and where all conflicts are resolved through dialogue does not need armies, neither large nor small," Chamorro said.

The remains of at least 10 people were found in an unmarked grave near a former Sandinista military base in northern Nicaragua, officials said.

"We think this is a clandestine cemetery," said human rights official Violeta Guevara. "What we need to find out is who did this."

Guevara said a 7-year-old boy was among the victims.

Two women said they recognized clothing worn by their sons when they disappeared seven years ago.

Shake-up of armed forces

Surprise Colombia move

BOGOTA, June 16. (Agencies): Colombia announced a surprise shake-up in the command of the armed forces yesterday, replacing three of the country's highest-ranking officers.

A decree signed by President Virgilio Barco named a new overall commander of the armed forces and new army and air force chiefs.

The three former commanders were transferred to the staffs of army and air force high commands, which effectively means retirement.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said he could not comment on the reason for the changes.

Army watchers described the shakeup, less than two months before president-elect Cesar Gaviria is to take office, as surprising.

Some political analysts have said that instability in Colombia caused by the war against drug traffickers and left-wing guerrillas could create conditions for a military coup. But the spokesman strongly denied the changes were linked to coup fears.

The changes were announced shortly after Defence Minister Oscar Botero held talks with Gaviria, an anti-drug hardliner elected on May 27.

One military official said the shakeup was normal following an election.

But analysts said it was unusual for the changes to take place before the new president took office. Gaviria, who like Barco belongs to the Liberal Party, takes office on August 7.

The demoted officers were

200 held, 60 hurt in Peru strike riot

LIMA, June 16. (Reuter): Striking hospital workers stormed Peru's Health Ministry yesterday and fought for four hours with police in the worst violence in a wave of strikes over the past few months.

Police said 60 people were injured, about 20 of them seriously, and at least 200 strikers were arrested. Lima police chief Oswaldo Diaz said he suspected leftist guerrillas were among the strikers.

Hundreds of strikers buried bricks, bottles and furniture at police from widows and the roof-top of the building, shouting demands for wage increases, witness said.

Police surrounded the building with personnel carriers and used tear gas, birdshot and water cannon to evict the strikers and disperse scores of demonstrators outside.

Strikers later took to Lima streets, burning tyres and erecting roadblocks as police fired warning shots and lobbed tear gas at them.

The violence aggravated the political problems facing Labour Minister Wilfredo Chau, who had been sharply criticised for his handling of the strikes and for attending soccer matches while on a business trip.

Chau flew to Europe with the stated intention of leading Peru's delegation at a meeting of the International Labour Organisation in Geneva. Instead he was sighted at the World Cup finals in Italy.

Hasn't been allowed to reclaim belongings

Fans hang banners in support of Yoma

BUENOS AIRES, June 16. (UPI): The First Lady of Argentina has been unceremoniously tossed out of the presidential quarters by her husband, President Carlos Menem, but she apparently still has plenty of fans.

Supporters of Zulema Yoma De Menem hung banners outside the downtown Buenos Aires apartment where she has sought refuge with her daughter. Yesterday, she acknowledged the gesture with a smile and a polite "thank you."

Said one of the signs, "he who does not respect the mother of his children will not respect our mother."

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Salvadoran soldiers walk past the body of a FMLN rebel June 15 killed several hours earlier during heavy combat. (Reuter wirephoto)

'Reduce all armies'

Central Americans hold two-day summit

ANTIGUA, Guatemala, June 16. (UPI): Nicaraguan President Violeta Chamorro, declaring her country would soon phase out its army, asked her Central American counterparts yesterday to do the same.

But the president of El Salvador, Alfredo Cristiani, said he could not even consider reductions in his army while a bloody civil war continues.

The demilitarisation of Central America emerged at the last minute as a major topic for the two-day economic summit among the six Central American presidents.

Chamorro announced major reductions in the size of Nicaragua's demilitarised Central America, but added, "I would like all the Central American countries to proceed with the disarmament."

Cristiani said El Salvador's government had the will to reduce its armed forces, but added "we're not altogether in a position to do so" while the 10-year-old civil war against leftist rebels of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front continues.

"Chamorro has demobilised practically all the resistance in her country. She can start reductions," Cristiani said in reference to the disarming of the US-backed Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

He also indicated that El Salvador would not be interested in the eventual elimination of its army, favouring instead a normal-sized armed force for peace-time and to support the democratic process.

Demilitarisation is likely to confront stiff opposition in countries like El Salvador and Guatemala, where the armies wield considerable power and control over government policies.

Cristiani said talks between the Salvadoran government and rebels are scheduled for next week in Mexico City, adding he hopes "a calendar can be established" for a ceasefire and disarming of the rebels.

Honduran President Rafael Callejas stopped short of supporting a Central America without armies but said there was a need for reduction.

"It is necessary for Central America to re-evaluate the role of its armed forces," he said.

"We have cut our Army by 10 per cent this year, and we have the smallest army in Central America. If we are talking about integration this is one thing that must be included," Callejas said.

Callejas says Central America needs \$2.25 billion over the next three years to begin rebuilding.

"The international community and the Western world should channel these resources to Central America," he said at a news conference in the Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa this week.

Callejas will be meeting in this colonial city 27 miles (43 kms) from the capital with presidents Alfredo Cristiani of El Salvador, Violeta Barrios de Chamorro of Nicaragua, Rafael Calderon of Costa Rica and Vinicio Cerezo of Guatemala.

The Central American leaders, concerned about competing demands from Eastern Europe, are encouraged by Baker's decision to come to Antigua.

Cerezo called it a "demonstration that North America is interested in us, that it hasn't forgotten Central America."

Baker also will meet with Panamanian President Guillermo Endara.

For the first time in recent history all the presidents in the region hold their offices because of democratic elections. Most have been in office less than a year.

Before leaving office last month, former Costa Rican President Oscar Arias warned that peace depends on prosperity.

"It will not be possible to consolidate the democracies that have emerged in Central America unless we're successful in the economic and social fields," said Arias, the architect of the peace plan.

Panamanian President Guillermo Endara said he favoured a demilitarised Panama. "Panama cannot, should not, ever have another Army."

"There is a new constitutional reform that specifically establishes this," he said.

"We've got to have the courage to go all the way," Harper told a crowd of supporters at Winnipeg's convention centre yesterday afternoon.

Endara was installed during the US invasion last December that ousted dictator Manuel Noriega.

Sandinista Army, saying the ranks will be pared to a maximum of 41,000 members by next month.

Chamorro, speaking at the meeting in Antigua, a Spanish colonial town about 30 miles (50 km) from Guatemala City, said the reduction was only the first step toward a complete disarmament of Nicaragua's Sandinista Army.

"My country will do more (than the immediate reduction)," she said. "We will be like Costa Rica." Costa Rica has no army.

Chamorro said she would not formally propose a completely

Honduras

Population: 4.8 million
Per capita income: \$850
GNP: \$4.11 billion
Infant mortality: 69 per 1,000 births
Illiteracy: 41 per cent
Calories per capita: 2,068
Life expectancy: 64 years

Costa Rica

Population: 2.7 million
Per capita income: \$1,760
GNP: \$4.69 billion
Infant mortality: 18 per 1,000
Illiteracy: 6 per cent
Calories per capita: 2,803
Life expectancy: 74 years

El Salvador

Population: 5 million
Per capita income: \$950
GNP: \$4.7 billion
Infant mortality: 59 per 1,000
Illiteracy: 28 per cent
Calories per capita: 2,160
Life expectancy: 63 years

Guatemala

Population: 8.7 million
Per capita income: \$880
GNP: \$7.62 billion
Infant mortality: 59 per 1,000 births
Illiteracy: 45 per cent
Calories per capita: 2,307
Life expectancy: 62 years

Panama

Population: 2.3 million
Per capita income: \$5,091
GNP: \$5 billion
Infant mortality: 23 per 1,000 births
Illiteracy: 12 per cent
Calories per capita: 2,446
Life expectancy: 71 years

In comparison with the richest and poorest nations in the hemisphere, the per capita income in the United States is \$20,000 a year, the infant mortality rate is 10 per 1,000 births and the average life expectancy is 75 years.



Protest

A plain-clothes policeman beats a student during a demonstration in Asuncion on June 14. The protest was called by the University Students Federation which is demanding the resignation of the Interior Minister Gen. Orlando Machuca Vargas. Several students were injured but no arrests were made. (Reuter wirephoto)

Manitoba Indian threatens accord

Blocks action on Meech Lake

WINNIPEG, June 16. (AP): A lone Indian legislator has the support of other Canadian Indians in his opposition to a constitutional accord some say is necessary to national unity.

Political leaders in Manitoba say Elijah Harper's legislative stalling may well kill the accord's chances of being ratified before the June 23 deadline.

Manitoba and Newfoundland are the only two of Canada's ten provinces yet to ratify the accord. The accord was ratified unanimously yesterday in New Brunswick.

In an attempt to bring Quebec into the constitution, in 1987 the provincial premiers and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney reached the Meech Lake Accord — named for the lake resort near Ottawa where it was signed. Meech Lake gives special recognition to Quebec's culture and language, but Indians criticise it because it lacks provisions for their unique status.

"There will be no winners," if the accord is scuttled, Harper said.

"Neither the natives nor Canada nor any province will win from such a situation.

Manitoba Premier Gary Filmon, who has spoken with Mulroney and said the prime minister was deeply concerned about the deadlock.

Joe Chiassay says there now appears to be only one way to save the Meech Lake accord. Every province must pass a constitutional amendment postponing the ratification date.

Wright house, wrong ground

MOUNT VERNON, Virginia, June 16. (AP): It was built "against the odds" in 1940 and saved from destruction 25 years ago. Now, a lovingly preserved Frank Lloyd Wright house faces a new threat: Shifting ground is tearing it apart.

"And it will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to save the house, which originally cost only \$7,000 to build."

In 1963, the little house in rural Virginia lay in the path of progress: A new highway. The home's owner and the National Trust for Historic Preservation teamed up to move it, board by board, to a site several miles (kilometres) away.

"That act of salvage could lead to the home's deterioration."

The Pope-Leighey house, built in 1940 and named for its first and second owners, was rebuilt in 1964 on a seam of highly unstable clay.

"It's fair to say when the house was moved and reconstructed, we didn't know as much ... as we do today," said Linda Cunningham Goldstein, who runs the house as a museum.

"Cracks more than an inch (2.5 centimetres) wide snake through the concrete floors. Smaller cracks are visible in the walls of our bedrooms."

The National Trust — a non-profit organization dedicated to saving historic buildings — has considered numerous ideas for repairing the house a second time. Engineers and trust officials have largely ruled out another move.

Salvadoran officer testifies in secrecy

Burning of evidence in Jesuits case

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\$40,000 reward for drug dealers who see the light, obey the law

SALEM, Oregon, June 16. (UPI): Oregon authorities have developed a controversial new weapon in the war on drugs: financial rewards for dealers who see the light and obey the law.

As part of a settlement in a civil racketeering lawsuit, the Oregon department of justice recently required a convicted cocaine dealer to put \$40,000 in a trust fund controlled by the state.

If the dealer, Douglas Shawn Adams, has any new drug convictions in the next three years he automatically forfeits the money to

the state. But if his record stays clean, Adams gets the money back.

"The theory ... is that if the purpose behind the racketeering and forfeiture statutes is to get the profit out of crime, the flip side of this is to give the guy some incentive to go straight," said Tim Wood, a lawyer in the Justice Department. "Sometimes a carrot together with the club is the best way to solve the problem."

But the US attorney for Oregon said the deal amounts to paying someone to obey the law -- a poor precedent.

"I won't do that," said Charles Turner.

"I'm not going to try to pay somebody to do something they are supposed to do in the first place. We don't pay private citizens to pay their property taxes."

The case reflects a growing effort to take the profit out of crime by using civil racketeering laws in drug cases. So-called Rico statutes, which exist in about half the states, allow authorities to seize property involved in criminal activity.

But in most Rico cases, defendants don't get a chance to recover money taken by the state.

In fact, officials at the US Department of Justice and the National Association of attorneys general said they knew of no other cases where drug dealers set aside cash that could be recovered later if they had no new convictions.

"I'd have to say that is unique," said Bud Holli, who oversees a federal programme that provided Oregon and three other states

— Arizona, Washington and Colorado — with grants for creative uses of civil racketeering laws against drug dealers. "I've never heard of that before."

Wood said the Adams case is the first where the Oregon department has required a drug dealer to put up cash that can be recovered later, although the general concept has been used before. For example, he said the department has put lines on property with a condition of automatic foreclosure if the owner committed more drug offences.

Adams, 34, was arrested in March. He pleaded guilty in June to two counts of delivering cocaine, and in return prosecutors agreed to dismiss a third charge. He has yet to be sentenced.

After his arrest, Adams also was hit with the state's civil racketeering lawsuit, which alleged he was part of an organised ring that sold cocaine in Oregon for the last five years.

To settle the civil suit, Adams agreed to forfeit to the state \$91,882 and a 1987 four-wheel-drive vehicle, and to create the \$40,000 trust fund.

He will get the \$40,000 back unless he is found to have committed a drug offence between June 1, 1990, and June 1, 1993. The state can also take up to \$15,000 of the money for back taxes.

GDR nabs terrorist

West Germany to seek extradition of RAF suspect

EAST BERLIN, June 16. (AP): East German authorities caught a reputed leftist terrorist linked to the 1985 bombing of a US air base in West Germany and the deaths of three Americans, officials said today.

The arrest brings to seven the number of alleged Red Army Faction members to be captured in East Germany in the last 10 days. The string of arrests is the result of a recent push by officials in both German states to locate long-sought terrorist suspects who received sanctuary under East Germany's former communist regime.

Sigrid Sternbeck, 40, was arrested last night in an East German

town near the Polish border, East German and West German authorities said.

Ms Sternbeck is charged with the slaying of US army soldier Edward Pimental in Wiesbaden, West Germany, in August 1985, said Hans-Juergen Foerster of the West German federal prosecutor's office.

Pimental was lured out of a bar by a woman and was found the next day, shot through the head. The Red Army Faction (RAF) leader claimed responsibility for the killing.

Pimental was killed so terrorists could obtain his identity card and gain entry by car to the sprawling US Rhein-Main air base at Frankfurt, West Germany, Foerster said.

The car was rigged with explosives and detonated near the headquarters of the base, where it killed two Americans and injured more than 20 other people.

Ms Sternbeck is charged in a warrant with murder and attempted murder. Foerster said West Germany would seek her extradition.

Ms Sternbeck is the seventh alleged member of the group arrested since June 6 and the fifth in the last two days.

Ms Sternbeck did not resist when she was arrested in the town of Schwerin, a district of Frankfurt An Der Oder, the East German government news agency ADN said, quoting East Germany's interior ministry.

West German authorities also have said that the former government refused to act on information that West German terrorists were living in East Germany.

One of the seven terrorist suspects arrested in the past 10 days, Susanne Albrecht, told police she was furnished with a false identity by the former secret police of the communist government.

The four terrorist suspects arrested late Thursday were Monika Helbing, 36, and Ekkehard von Seckendorff-Gudent, 49, in Frankfurt An Der Oder, and Werner Lotze, 38, and Christine Duemlein, 41, in Cottbus, according to authorities.

Ms Albrecht, 39, was arrested in front of her apartment in East Berlin on June 6 and Inge Viert, 46, was arrested Wednesday in the city of Magdeburg.

"All had been living in East Germany under assumed names,"

Ms Duemlein was later released because a warrant against her in 1978 had expired. It was not known if West Germany would seek a new warrant.

The West German news magazine "Der Spiegel" said one of the reputed terrorists, Seckendorff-Gudent, had served on one of the post-revolutionary committees in Frankfurt An Der Oder.

Such "roundtables" were set up nation-wide after the hardline government of Erich Honecker was ousted by mass demonstrations in October.

The roundtables were formed as a concession to the pro-democracy revolutionaries by the communist caretaker government that assumed power after Honecker's ouster.

The role of the councils, which included intellectuals and members of groups that led the revolution, was to negotiate with the government on nation's transition to democracy.

"Der Spiegel" reported that Seckendorff-Gudent, who had been a physician in West Germany and held the title of Baron, was a health expert on the Frankfurt An Der Oder roundtable.

West German police have foiled a number of recent Irish Republican Army attacks in their country, Interior Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble revealed yesterday.

He also told fellow European Economic Community ministers, meeting in Dublin to review the best ways to combat terrorism, he was convinced the IRA was being squeezed in Europe by cross-border police co-operation.

The IRA, battling to oust Britain from Northern Ireland, has recently stepped up its campaign against British Army bases in West Germany.

Two weeks ago IRA gunmen shot dead a British major in Dortmund.

IRA claims 2 bombings

No verdict on smuggling

LONDON, June 16. (AP): The

terrorist Irish Republican Army has claimed responsibility for two bombings this week to the mansion of a Conservative Party official and an army training centre in West Germany.

The British news agency Press Association said the IRA claimed the bombings in a statement issued in Dublin that said they were carried out by "Active Service Units." The statement was signed "P. O'Neill," the news agency said.

No one was hurt in either blast. The explosion at the army diving school in Hamelin on Thursday ripped apart the building which was empty at the time but was used regularly by British, Dutch and West German troops.

The bombing of the 18th-century mansion, West Green House, in the southern English village of Hartley Wintney, blew out windows and part of the front of the red brick home on the hill.

The main Roman Catholic organisation is waging a violent campaign to end British rule in the predominantly Protestant province of Northern Ireland and unite it with the Republic of Ireland.

A federal court jury returned no verdict yesterday its first day deliberating evidence against three people accused of conspiring to smuggle advanced weapons to the Irish Republican Army.

The house had been occupied

Culvert collapses

Hole in Bristol canal

BRISTOL, June 16. (AP): Nearly a million people have been asked to conserve water after farmers failed to block a hole in a canal that supplies Bristol and surrounding communities.

A culvert collapsed Thursday night beneath the Gloucester and Sharpness canal north of this city of about 375,000 located about 100 miles (170 kms) west of London.

Farmers threw straw bales, barrels and an old farm gate wrapped in plastic into the whirlpool created by water rushing through the hole, but could not stem the leak.

The collapse of the culvert allowed more than a million gallons (4 million litres) of water to escape.

"It was like a bath without the plug in, but on an enormous scale," said Jeremy Williams, spokesman for the Bristol water company. "The canal is our biggest source of water and provides half our supplies."

At that time, Deputy Press Secretary Steve Hart

17 bosses run Italy's mafia: Sica reports

ROME, June 16. (Reuter): Italy's mafia is organised by 17 bosses and more than 16,000 people are suspected of links with organised crime, the country's top gang-busting official said in a report made public today.

Anti-Mafia High Commissioner Domenico Sica told a parliamentary committee that capture of the bosses would "disrupt and cause confusion inside the organised crime societies."

The 99-page report was Sica's first detailed account of the battle against the mafia since he was appointed in 1988 to attack organised crime and end rivalries among various authorities.

It said more than 16,000 people in Italy were kept under surveillance by police on suspicion of associating with the mafia and about 800 firms were suspected of collaborating with organised crime.

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said, the United States would also specify how it wants the fund managed and how much it would be willing to contribute.

White House Chief of Staff John Sununu, in announcing the administration's decision in a brief statement, reiterated that the fund should not necessarily lead to future ones for other world environmental problems such as global warming.

The president's proposal is structured to reflect the unique circumstances that create the need for a fund specifically designed to assist poor nations in cutting ozone-depleting chemicals in a "non-

precedential framework," Sununu said.

Said Hart: "We hope our proposal gets a very good reception" at the conference in London. "Our proposal meets our concerns. If they say no, we're going to have to talk."

Hart said the administration, which had earlier voiced concerns about the eventual cost of the fund, is willing to contribute within that price range.

The administration had opposed creation of any new fund, saying the aid sought by Third World countries should come from existing lending institu-

tions like the World Bank.

But Sununu, long accused of underestimating the dangers of global warming, said President George Bush is ready to propose a fund within the World Bank.

The Swiss federal government said yesterday it planned to ban the production and use of ozone-destroying chemicals by the end of the century.

An Interior Ministry statement said the intention was to phase out chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), halons and similar chemicals in a step-by-step programme starting next year. (Reuter)

EEC plans force to combat trafficking

DUBLIN, June 16. (Reuter): The European Economic Community (EEC), wary that lowered borders could bring more crime, pledged yesterday to launch a major crackdown on drug traffickers and terrorists.

Irish Justice Minister Ray Burke said that he and his EEC colleagues had agreed to set up a European central drugs intelligence unit and a computerised police information system to help combat organised crime.

"International terrorism and organised crime will seek to exploit greater freedom of movement and of communication for ends inimical to the rights and freedoms of the community at large," the justice and interior ministers said in a statement after two days of talks in Dublin castle.

The EEC, acutely aware of security problems posed by the move towards a barrier-free Europe after 1992, also pledged to give police training to officers from drug-producing and transit countries. A first seminar will be held in Lyons, France, later this year.

The ministers said they studied the possibility of allowing EEC police to chase suspects across borders "in hot pursuit," displaying posters of wanted terrorists at frontiers and pooling police resources on how best to protect airports, railway stations and ferries from terrorist attack.

Some measures would require international agreements, they said.

Eleven of the 12 EEC states also signed a ground-breaking convention to ensure that applications for political asylum in the community will be processed by one single member state.

In particular, the convention is aimed at avoiding the possibility of "refugees in orbit" being sent from one member state to another.

Denmark did not sign the convention but Burke said he was confident it would do so. "It will be left open for them to sign by the end of the year," he said.

The convention represents a significant advance in providing the member states with an orderly method of dealing with those who apply for the protection of the Geneva asylum convention and is in keeping with their long tradition of those in need of protection from persecution."

France, West Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands are due next week to sign a landmark accord on easing their border controls.

The accord was set up as a dry run for the European Economic Community project to scale down internal borders after 1992.

Mayors rap federal policies

CHICAGO, June 16. (AP): Billions of dollars for banks and drug and pennies for jobs and housing is no way to run a country, the nation's mayors said yesterday in a bitter attack on the federal government.

"Federal policy towards our cities and towards economic opportunity today is bankrupt as the corrupt savings and loans (banks) which are robbing out young people's future," Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn said at the opening session of the mayors' annual.

"While we waited at Washington's back door for a few crumbs for urban America, these bandits heisted over \$300 billion from our nation's treasury," Flynn said.

"These are funds that could have been used for job training, for college scholarships, for helping young families buy their first home, as well as building a national economy to compete with Europe and Japan."

Ironically, the savings and loan industry's trade group was meeting elsewhere in the same Chicago hotel.

Flynn's remarks opened a joint meeting of the US conference of mayors task forces on drug abuse and homelessness.

Flynn, chairman of the task force on the homeless, and several other mayors said tensions are on the rise in American cities.



Ruth Larson of Pittsburgh (right) removes her pet parrot along with some help from her friend Joanna Scanlon who carried some of Ruth's personal belongings from her flooded mobile home in Marion, Ohio, June 15. More than 100 homes were damaged and 40 destroyed after four and a half inches of rain fell in less than two hours of flash floods. (Reuter wirephoto)

16 die in Ohio floods

Wall of water leaves 50 missing

SHADYSIDE, Ohio: June 16. (AP): Torrential thunderstorms sent a flash flood surging through a valley into this Ohio river town, killing at least 16 people and leaving scores missing or homeless yesterday, authorities said.

Raging floodwaters late Thursday swept homes off foundations and washed away cars.

"The valleys are choked with debris," Ohio's Governor, Richard Celeste, said after flying over the hilly Appalachian region. "A wall of water wiped a path through the area."

Celeste declared a state of emergency and dispatched about 50 national guardsmen to the area.

Fourteen adults and two children were confirmed dead, said fire chief Mark Badia. About 50 people were missing, he said.

Most of the bodies were found floating in the water or in cars buried in mud, fire-fighter said. Two bodies were found in the Ohio river.

Rescue crews from Ohio, West Virginia, the US Coast Guard and the National Guard were searching for more bodies in the Ohio river and two creeks that feed it.

Thursday night's thunderstorms caused flash flooding across a wide area of central and eastern Ohio, northern West Virginia and western Pennsylvania. The floods closed roads, damaged homes and forced hundreds of people to evacuate.

But no place was hit with anything approaching the ferocity of the flooding in Shadyside.

About 5.5 inches (14 centimetres) of rain fell in less than four hours, turning the two creeks outside the village of 4,300 people into raging torrents.

At least five houses along Wege Creek were washed away, and two cars were floating in water in one of the

basements that was exposed. Virtually everything that was still standing was covered with at least 6 feet (2 metres) of debris, including trees, appliances and furniture.

Blacks stage rallies to mark 1976 uprising

20,000 pack Soweto stadium; police disperse Johannesburg marchers

JOHANNESBURG, June 16, (AP): Blacks staged rallies nation-wide today to mark the 14th anniversary of the Soweto student uprisings that sparked riots and spawned a generation of militant anti-apartheid activists.

For the first time since the 1976 riots, widespread demonstrations were permitted on "Soweto Day" without major police intervention.

About 20,000 blacks packed a Soweto stadium to observe "Soweto Day," June 16, 1976, when police opened fire on black students protesting the education policies of white-ruled South Africa.

"The youth of Soweto is now a great symbol of resistance and defiance throughout the

world," African National Congress leader Walter Sisulu told the crowd.

Soweto, about 15 kms (10 miles) outside Johannesburg, is the country's largest black township with some 2.5 million residents.

The 1976 police shootings in Soweto touched off an unprecedented wave of unrest that spread throughout the country and lasted several months. Some 500 to 700 blacks died and thousands fled the country to join the ANC.

"Fourteen years ago we mourned and complained, but today we are counting our victories," ANC spokesman Popo Molefe told tens of thousands of blacks at a rally outside the southern city of Port Elizabeth.

The ANC, the country's largest black opposition group, was legalised in February after being banned for 30 years.

Dozens of events were held today around the country, most of them planned by the ANC and the rival Pan Africanist Congress.

President F.W. de Klerk lifted the 4-year-old state of emergency in most of the country a week ago. Since last year he has allowed peaceful protests that have official permission.

In one incident in downtown Johannesburg, police fired tear gas to disperse a few dozen black demonstrators who they said did not have permission to protest. A black journalist was detained, witness said.

In the central town of Welkom, about 250 members of a white supremacist group, the Afrikaner Resistance Movement, marched to protest the detention without charge of two whites.

Members dressed in khaki uniforms gave stiff-armed, Nazi-style salutes and chanted, "hang (Nelson) Mandela" in reference to the revered black nationalist leader. They then marched to a nearby police station and handed in a petition protesting the detentions.

A year ago, some of South Africa's most prominent anti-apartheid leaders denounced Winnie, accusing her of "violating human rights in the name of the struggle against apartheid."

The South African attorney-general is considering whether to prosecute Winnie in connection with a case of kidnapping and assault in which one of the victims later was found dead.

The 1976 protests were sparked by a government policy to teach classes in Afrikaans rather than English. Afrikaans is the language of the Dutch-descended Afrikaners who dominate the government and many blacks consider it the "language of the oppressor."

Every year since 1976 blacks have observed June 16 as an unofficial holiday. Most blacks stay home from school and work.

The ANC said that the inferior black education system that sparked the 1976 unrest still exists. Black teachers are holding strikes and protests throughout the country and some black schools in urban areas have been closed for much of the year.

The two men are being held in connection with separate bomb attacks in Pretoria and Welkom, but no one has been charged in either case.

The church council on Thursday asked the United States to send a peacekeeping force to Liberia. But the US Charge D'Affaires, Dennis Jett, said the United States was not prepared to send a peacekeeping force.

Most of the victims have been civilians.

"There has been very little progress made so far," said a US embassy source, who declined to be further identified.

The United States is not participating directly in the talks, but the meetings are being held in an embassy building.

Though the two sides have failed to agree on a ceasefire, there has been new fighting reported in the past week.

The government regained control of the US-managed Bridgestone-Firestone rubber plantation outside the Liberian capital, Monrovia, and the nearby Robertsfield International Airport before fighting died down.

The 120,000-acre (48,560-hectare) rubber plantation,



Riot forces belonging to Taylor board a church truck. They are shown loading heavy machine guns and shells on June 13. (Reuter wirephoto)

JOHANNESBURG, June 16, (AP): Nelson Mandela is taking centre stage during his lobbying mission for black nationalism in South Africa, but controversy still swirls around his wife.

Winnie Mandela will accompany her husband on his eight-day tour of the United States, which starts Wednesday in New York.

The woman who once shouted down police and was accused of beating men with white, has been standing demurely by his side during the couple's tours of Africa and Europe.

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Soviet offer on N-arms rejected

WASHINGTON, June 16. (Agencies): President George Bush has rejected the latest Soviet attempt to start negotiations on removing all short-range nuclear weapons from Europe, insisting talks be completed first on cutting conventional forces, the White House said yesterday.

Moscow renewed a proposal on June 8 that talks begin in September or October on short range nuclear forces (SNF) in Europe — a position the United States has refused to accept in the past, despite pressure from some Nato allies.

The President has stated that SNF negotiations should begin after conclusion of an agreement on conventional forces in Europe (CFE). Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater said.

"Nato strategy is based on maintaining an adequate mix of nuclear and conventional weapons," said Fitzwater, who noted that the leaders of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation will meet in London for talks on July 5-6.

The White House welcomed a Soviet announcement earlier this month that it would withdraw some short-range weapons from Eastern Europe.

"The Soviets have a preponderance of forces in this category in Europe and any unilateral reduction can help enhance predictability and stability," Fitzwater said.

The dramatic changes in Eastern Europe and the rapid pace of efforts to unify East and West Germany have reshaped the political landscape both for Washington and Moscow.

One year ago, Bush was faced with a raging debate within Nato over starting talks on short range nuclear weapons — with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl leading the fight for immediate negotiations.

Now, the question has become moot as most of the countries within striking distance of the Nato nuclear weapons have become unlikely targets — like Poland and Hungary.

A US-Soviet agreement in 1987 led to the scrapping of medium-range weapons.

Bush earlier this year announced his decision to scrap plans to modernise the ageing short-range Lance missiles and nuclear artillery shells. Those weapons, expected to be obsolete by the mid-1990s, are likely to be replaced by a new generation of US-designed air-launched missiles.

The Soviet Union has proposed that the Nato nations enter into negotiations this fall on the elimination of all tactical nuclear weapons in Europe, alliance officials said.

But Nato diplomats insisted that such bargaining should not begin until an accord is reached in Vienna on slashing troops, tanks and other conventional arms in Europe.

Florent Swinian, spokesman for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, said in a statement, "The Soviet Union proposed to the United States to start negotiations on the elimination of SNF in the autumn of this year."

"This matter will be discussed by the heads of state and government during their summit meeting in London next month," he said.

Polish mass grave found

MOSCOW, June 16. (Reuter): The remains of 6,500 Polish soldiers and Soviet citizens killed by Stalin's security police have been found in a mass grave near the city of Kharkov, Ukrainian state security said on Saturday.

A spokesman for the KGB in the Ukrainian capital, Kiev, told Reuters by telephone that the bodies were discovered in a copse just outside the eastern Ukraine city.

"Investigation of the grave is continuing. It's not clear how many of the corpses are Soviet, but it has been established that it contained Polish military," the spokesman said.

The newspaper Moscow News reported earlier this week that human remains and pieces of Polish uniform, medals and coins had been found in the area by young children playing. Until recently it had been sealed off as a country retreat for KGB offices.

The newspaper gave no clear figures for the numbers in the mass grave but compared it to the Katyn forest massacre in the neighbouring Republic of Byelorussia where 4,000 Polish officers were shot and buried in 1940.

They were among 15,000 Polish officers who were captured by the KGB's predecessor, the NKVD, after Soviet troops moved into eastern Poland.

In one of the illustrations of how desperate Soviets are for food and consumer goods, Svetla and Oleg are in love and have signed up to marry. But the day the wedding bells are to ring, they won't be around to hear them, they'll be too busy shopping.

When they applied, Oleg's thoughts were on an imported man's suit, cuff links, gold or silver wedding rings and imported shoes; Svetla's were on her own wedding ring, imported shoes, imported pantyhose and mascara.

For both, it was a chance to shop in a special store for brides and grooms.

Here is how the scene works: A single or

Spies are coming out of hiding throughout Germany

BONN, June 16. (AP): Communist spies are coming out of hiding throughout Germany, and Western officials are trying to lure others from possible Soviet recruitment with suggestions of amnesty.

For 40 years, East German agents using West Germany as their western base, stole vital defence and technological secrets, wrecked one West German government and turned the German states into the espionage battleground of the cold war.

With the collapse of the East German

communist government and the rapidly approaching merger of the two Germanys, officials say the former adversaries are co-operating. In addition, many former spooks are talking, some in hopes of bettering their fate in a unified Germany.

"As you can imagine, the information flows quite freely because we have former Stasi officials who come to us and speak very frankly and freely," said Lutz Stavenhagen, a security expert in chancellor Helmut Kohl's government.

Stasi in German is short for the old

East German Ministry for State Security, which included domestic and foreign intelligence agents.

West German espionage experts estimate there are up to 6,000 spies in West Germany, including East German agents and West German defectors, but they won't say how many are known to authorities.

The treaty that outlines the conditions for the economic and social unification of the two German states does not address the espionage issue.

What to do with the spies has become

"a very, very tricky matter," said one West German government official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

An amnesty has been suggested.

"They must think about it, because (otherwise) there would be too many people at risk to be punished on both sides of the former German border," said Hans-Gert Lange, spokesman for the Federal Force for the Protection of the constitution.

"We know that obviously the Soviet secret service, the KGB, is trying to get hold of the most efficient of these

agents," Stavenhagen said.

He said officials have tried to counter that by urging them to turn themselves in to avoid persecution.

A similar situation developed after World War II, as both the Soviets and Western allies scrambled to recruit the top agents who had worked in Hitler's secret service.

Stavenhagen said the most likely outcome for agents in West Germany would be an "amnesty for the normal spy — looking into boxes and papers and that sort of thing," but the "basic

condition is that they turn themselves over."

Top spies, ones the West Germans say "have blood on their hands," would not qualify for an amnesty, he said.

A different amnesty — perhaps one without conditions — would probably apply to the spies in East Germany who worked for the branch of Stasi that spied on the West. One West German government espionage expert, who spoke on condition of anonymity, estimated there were about 12,000 such spies.



Demolishing the Wall

East Germany has set a deadline of December for total demolition of the Berlin Wall that sealed citizens off from the West for 28 years until the country's Stalinist dictatorship fell in late 1989.

East German Prime Minister, Lothar de Maiziere (right) is shaking hands with Berlin citizens through a big hole in the Berlin Wall near Checkpoint Charlie where he visited East and West German building contractors dismantling the wall.

(Reuter wirephoto)

Panel approves treaty

Germany's economic unification

BONN, June 16. (AP): West Germany's "unification committee," comprised of representatives of all parties in Parliament, agreed yesterday on the state treaty that paves the way for economic unity on July 2.

Parliamentary ratification of the agreement was expected late next week.

West German Economics Minister Helmut Hauss-

The unification treaty was approved after Social Democrats, who initially rejected the action, withdrew their opposition. They maintained there were not enough supports available to handle the financial hardships expected to follow economic unification.

But earlier this week the Social Democrats said they would not block the treaty's passage in Parliament because of the high expectations in East Germany for economic merger with the West. They cautioned, however, that Kohl's government would be responsible for any serious consequences.

Some experts have said up to 2 million East Germans could lose their jobs as antiquated factories go bust, and some have speculated that public unrest in East Germany could follow.

The two Germans agreed yesterday to return property seized in East Germany by successive communist governments or pay compensation, West German officials announced.

The result of weeks of negotiations between the German governments was outlined in a statement read at a hastily called news conference by Rudolf Seiters, chief of staff for Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

The decision does not apply to property confiscated during the 1945-1949 Soviet administration of the territory that later became East Germany, Seiters said.

A prominent West German politician yesterday demanded that ousted East German leader Erich Honecker be extradited to West Germany to face charges of alleged support of terrorism.

Maiziere said the Staatsvertrag, or state treaty, contained some economic risks over East Germany but that there was no reason for "exaggerated pessimism."

"Naturally, after 40 years of planned economy, there will be painful cuts. Of course, some companies will have to close down," Haussman said.

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East Germany will also ask for more French help in rebuilding an economy crippled by 40 years of communist central planning.

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World News Roundup

Europe

Human rights meeting: The 35 nations attending an East-West human rights conference were far from agreement Friday on ground rules to protect ethnic minorities in Europe.

"The views are far apart," said Martin Vukovich, who heads the Austrian delegation to the month-long meeting in Copenhagen.

Austria and four other Central European nations — Hungary, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Italy — are trying to draft a list of principles on national minority rights to be adopted by a consensus later this month. (AP)

Macedonians block border: Macedonian demonstrators blocked the Yugoslavia-Greek border with trucks and trailers on Saturday to protest against alleged visa discrimination and mistreatment of co-nationals in Greece.

Queues of traffic kilometres (miles) long built up on both sides of the border crossing at Gevgelija in Yugoslavia and Evzonai in Greece. The two other border crossings at Bitola and Lake Dojran were also closed, witnesses said. (Reuter)



Day of Mourning and Hope

A Vilnius resident weeps during ceremonies marking the Day of Mourning and Hope June 14. This day commemorates those who suffered under the Stalin regime where 49 years ago the first trains with arrested Lithuanians were deported to the east. (Reuter wirephoto)

Mitterrand charges

'EEC uses English at French expense'

PARIS, June 16, (AP): President Francois Mitterrand, in a letter released yesterday, said the European Economic Community has improperly allowed English to become its dominant administrative language at the expense of French.

France was ready to help EEC bureaucrats "acquire the linguistic competence needed to perform their mission," Mitterrand wrote in a letter to Jacques Delors, the Frenchman who is president of the European Commission.

Several conservative members of Britain's Parliament reacted to Mitterrand's letter with derision.

"The man's duty," Sir Nicholas Fairbairn said. "French is the language of privacy and English is the language of communication."

"It might not be a bad idea if President Mitterrand took some English lessons, preferably from Mrs Thatcher," said another MP, Neil Hamilton.

Mitterrand said the use of French as an official EEC language was a top priority of his government.

"Today, a tendency exists in certain sectors of the commission to convene meetings of experts who are asked to work only in English," he wrote.

Car navigation system:

A new automobile navigation system is now available as an option on some cars in Japan, a Japanese electric maker announced Saturday.

The system features an in-vehicle display to show the current location, direction on travel and distance to the destination, it reported.

It also provides a variety of road guide information, making it easier to drive comfortably in unfamiliar areas.

The current location is detected as distance sensors measure the rotation of the wheels and directional sensors detect the geometric position to obtain the current location and direction of the vehicle, a spokesman explained. (Kuna)

US to probe skeletons: US military experts will travel to Malaysia soon to find out if skeletons said to be the remains of US servicemen killed in Vietnam are indeed those of humans, a Defence Department spokesman said on Friday.

"The team will determine from a preliminary investigation if the remains are those of humans," Lieutenant Commander Edward Lindquist told Reuters.

"If they are, we will bring them back to our laboratories in Honolulu for further analysis to determine if they are American," he said. (Reuter)

Power line thefts, 6 get death: Six people have been sentenced to death and 70 others to jail terms in central China for stealing power lines and causing repeated power outages, an official report said Friday.

In the past four months, courts in Shandong province have handled 31 such cases involving 76 alleged criminals, the legal daily reported.

Power lines are stolen to be sold on the black market. (AP)

Call to free Chinese seamen: China is calling on South Africa to release 38 Chinese seamen detained for nearly two weeks in a legal dispute between a Chinese firm and an Australian company over a ship sinking, the official press reported Saturday.

The English-language China Daily quoted officials of the China Ocean Shipping Co., a government concern, as saying the dispute grew out of the sinking of the Chinese freighter *Tao Yuan Hui* during a storm in the South Indian Ocean on May 27. (UPI)

China executes 10: China has executed 10 people and police in Tibet have arrested three gun smugglers in a new crackdown on crime, said official newspapers reaching Beijing on Saturday.

ACC officials to meet: Health ministers of Jordan, Iraq, Egypt and Yemen, members of the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC), meet in Amman on June 18-20 to discuss health and pharmaceutical issues.

ACC Secretary-General, Helmi Nammar, said in a statement that the meeting is convened in line with the health co-operation agreement among the council's states, which was concluded in the ACC Amman summit last February. (Kuna)

ACC news directors meet: The second conference for directors of news agencies of the four member states of the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) began in Amman Saturday.

The directors of news agencies of Jordan, Iraq, Egypt and Yemen as well as heads of technical departments of these agencies are going to evaluate the ACC news pool that the Jordanian News Agency (Petra) began to transmit by the onset of this year. (Kuna)

Bulgarian reformist prime minister fights for seat in second round election

OFIA, June 16, (Reuter): Bulgaria's reformist prime minister Andrei Lukyanov is among ex-communists fighting for a seat in Sunday's parliamentary elections, the second round of the country's first to poll in more than four decades.

His Bulgarian Socialist Party (BSP), the former communist party, is virtually assured of a majority in the new national assembly after capturing 47.15 percent of the vote in the first ballot. The dissident Union of Democratic Forces (UDF) got 36.2 percent.

Run-off elections are being held in 82 constituencies where no candidate won an outright majority or where less than half the electorate voted.

Lukyanov, the interim prime minister credited with reshaping Bulgaria's communists after hardline Todor Zhivkov was ousted in November, surprisingly failed to win his constituency of Pleven against a relatively unknown UDF candidate, Stefan Gaitanov.

Lukyanov, a 51-year-old economist, is already assured of a place in the new 400-member national assembly as half the seats are allocated from party lists, but he is determined to win in the second round

under the first-past-the-post system.

"I am doing my best to win. I would prefer to win my own seat in my native city," he told Reuter after making the first of two pre-election trips this week to the constituency in northern Bulgaria.

Defence Minister Dobri Dzhurov faces a tough challenge from UDF candidate Yordan Vassilev, editor of the UDF newspaper *Demokratia*, in the town of Troyan in central Bulgaria.

Foreign diplomats predicted the vote would split 50-50 between the two main parties, giving the UDF the 29 seats it needs for a parliamentary majority.

Liberals' Freedom Movement declared illegal

Radicals call for crackdown

NICOSIA, June 16, (AP): Tehran's radical Jomhuri Islami daily called today for a crackdown on "fish column" groups following the arrest of senior officials of Iran's token opposition party.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Cyprus, quoted the daily as saying in an editorial that "no mercy" should be shown to opposition figures "who aid the enemies of the Islamic revolution."

The publication of the editorial raised speculation that the government of President Hashemi Rafsanjani, leader of Tehran's so-called pragmatists, was under growing pressure from radical rivals to move against liberals seeking greater social and political freedoms.

The editorial was published two days after Iranian authorities arrested eight leading

members of the Freedom Movement of Iran, a small party led by the Islamic Republic's first prime minister, Mehdi Bazargan.

In the past, the kind of barrage of vituperative denunciation like that now aimed at Bazargan's movement has often been the prelude to treason trials.

The crackdown against the Freedom Movement appeared to signal the final crushing of the faction that has functioned as Iran's only legal political opposition party over the last decade despite constant harassment by Islamic radicals.

The Tehran authorities declared the party illegal yesterday.

Bazargan, 83, was not reported to be among the Freedom Movement activists arrested in Tehran earlier this week and he was believed to be in hiding.

Jomhuri Islami said the arrests came after "constant, organised and clandestine contacts by these people with foreign circles for the last several years."

It claimed that during the 1980-88 war with Iraq, "the group functioned as a fifth column serving the objectives of the enemies of the Islamic revolution and the Iranian nation."

The daily said the dossier on those arrested "is full of documents proving their treason against the nation, turning their backs on the aspirations of the revolution and their attempt to bring back the diabolic rule" of the monarchy.

During the war, Bazargan repeatedly called on the Tehran hierarchy to make peace with Iraq, particularly after the Iranians pushed Iraqis back across the border in 1982.

Turkey, Syria fail to agree

Dispute over Euphrates water

ANKARA, June 16, (Reuter): Talks aimed at improving relations between Turkey and Syria after decades of mistrust have failed to settle disputes over sharing vital Euphrates river water and curbing Kurdish rebels.

Official Turkish sources said there was no breakthrough on the two issues when Syrian Foreign Minister

Faouq Al Shara held discussions in Ankara on Thursday and Friday.

"I cannot say we were satisfied on security and there was no sign of any progress on water. There is no doubt the water issue will continue," a source close to the talks told Reuters.

Turkey, stung by a deadly guerrilla raid on June 10, wants Syria to clamp down on separatist Kurdish insurgents training in Lebanon's Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley.



Imitation

A group of Palestinian children show off their imitation weapons in the Jabalia refugee camp. (Reuter wirephoto)

UNDP calls for aid

Efforts in W. Bank hailed

GENEVA, June 15, (Kuna): The 37th session of the governing council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) today commended the organization's efforts during the last 10 years towards assistance to the Palestinian people and urged the international community to provide more resources.

Commenting on his report to the council, the director of the UNDP programme of assistance to the Palestinian people, Timothy Rothermel, said the number of international organizations working with the UNDP in the West Bank and Gaza Strip had increased during 1989.

The type of activities being carried out, he pointed out, were increasingly directed towards industrial and agricultural projects to increase productivity and income.

As examples, he cited the case of the business development cen-

tre which was now fully functioning and providing advisory services and credit facilities for Palestinian entrepreneurs. Others include a grape processing facility in the West Bank, and the long awaited Gaza citrus processing plant which, after some unanticipated delays involving funding, now seemed to be on track.

Rothermel expressed his gratification, as did many Arab and other delegations subsequently, to those governments and UN organisations which had supplemented the \$25.5 million in special programme resources allocated for the purpose by the governing council since 1980.

They include the Arab Gulf fund for UN development organisations, the governments of Canada, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Tunisia, and the United States of America, as well as the WHO, ILO and UNFPA.

Iraq inaugurates

First phase of Bekme dam

BAGHDAD, June 16, (AP): Irrigation and Agriculture Minister Abdur Wahab Mahmoud has inaugurated the first phase of the big \$1.5 billion Bekme dam in northern Iraq, state-run news reports reported today.

They said the ceremony was held at the dam 60 miles (100 kilometers) north of the Kurdish city of Arbil.

They did not say when the inauguration took place or give any details of the project. The Iraqi government considers information on dams as classified.

However, the Bekme dam is considered as one of the biggest in the world with a storage capacity of around 33 billion cubic metres of water.

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Turkey's Enka construction company and Yugoslavia's Hidrograna, which specialises in dams, are building the dam which is scheduled to be completed by the end of 1993.

Iraq and Turkey are in dispute over Ankara's move in January to block much of the flow of the Euphrates river.

Cheney attempts to ease strained US-Israel dialogue

'Peace through talks not arms'

WASHINGTON, June 16, (AP): US-supplied weapons won't ensure Israeli security without successful negotiations with Palestinians and Arab states, Defence Secretary Dick Cheney said yesterday.

Cheney, speaking before the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'Rith in New York City, attempted to ease the recently strained US-Israeli dialogue by stressing US commitment to peace in the Mideast as well as its "solid and unalterable" ties to Israel.

His remarks were monitored at the Defence Department.

The secretary also made a point of congratulating the new government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, saying the United States looks forward to working with him to secure peace.

Cheney made no direct mention of the sharp remarks that have been exchanged in recent days between Secretary of State James A. Baker and Shamir over Israel's commit-

ment to the peace process.

Cheney said that while both nations have "had our differences of opinion" about how best to pursue the peace process, "there is not an ally in the world with whom we have not had an occasional disagreement."

Strategic co-operation between the two nations has "become closer than ever" and Israel is in line to receive 35 per cent of the Bush administration's fiscal 1991 budget request for security assistance, Cheney said.

Israel is to begin taking delivery on its third order of F-16 fighter jets next year, will be getting its first delivery of Apache attack helicopters and is receiving funds to upgrade its navy, Cheney added.

Annually, Israel has received around \$3.1 billion dollars in a combination of military and economic aid from the United States.

Cheney advised, however, that such aid will not necessarily lead to peace in the volatile Mideast.

"Israel must remain strong to secure that peace, but weapons and technology alone are not sufficient," Cheney said. "Real security can only come through successful negotiations with Palestinians and Arab states that leads to a durable peace."

Baker, testifying before a Senate committee on Wednesday, urged Israel's new right-wing government to restart the stalled peace process.

He sarcastically recited the telephone number of the White House switchboard and said: "When you're serious about this, call us."

In return, Shamir blamed US criticism of Israel for stirring up growing Arab hostility toward the Jewish state.

"Aggressive intentions ... begin to surface in the Arab world as soon as they see cracks or breaches in the wall of friendship between Israel and the United States," Shamir said in an interview published yesterday in the Jerusalem Post.



Mass prayer

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America acting like colonial ruler: Israel

'We are not obligated to say yes to Baker'

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 16, (Agencies): Israeli-US relations deteriorated yesterday with a top legislator accusing the US of acting like a colonial ruler and an aide to the prime minister criticising Washington's Middle East peace initiative.

Yossi Ben Aharon, director of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's office, said the United States must stop pushing compromises on Israel and only deal with the country's May 1989 Middle East peace initiative.

Israel's initiatives calls for Palestinian elections in the Israeli-occupied territories and talks with elected representatives on an interim period of

Eliyahu Ben-Elissar, head of parliament's defence and foreign affairs committee, complained yesterday that the United States was acting like a colonial ruler.

"After all, we are not a colony. We are a sovereign state," Ben Elissar, a member of Shamir's bloc, said on Israel radio. "We are not obligated to give positive answers to everything the Americans ask for, everything Baker proposes."

Israeli troops destroyed the homes of four Palestinians and sealed a firm yesterday as punishment for attacks on soldiers and Arabs accused of collaborating with Israel, the army said.

Since the suspects lived in typical Palestinian fashion within extended families, the houses destroyed and sealed were home to 74 people.

The Bush administration yesterday deplored the attack by an Israeli soldier that caused the injury of 66 children in the Gaza Strip as a result of the use of tear gas.

The State Department, in deplored the Israeli action against innocent children who were all hospitalised after the attack on an Unrwa clinic, also expressed its "dismay" that the sentence of the soldier involved in the case was commanded by his superior in the army.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has strongly protested to the Israeli government an incident in which an Israeli military officer threw a tear-gas grenade into a health centre in the Gaza Strip, a UN spokesman said yesterday.

Francois Giuliani said Perez de Cuellar received a full report of the three-day-old incident in the Rimal health centre in Gaza town, which affected dozens of women and children.

Former president Jimmy Carter appealed to US Jewish leaders yesterday to give the new Israeli government, widely seen as the most right-wing in that country's history, time to draw up a regional peace policy.

The policy would be determined "not by what Washington thinks but by what Israel's people demand."

Arab writers' groups yesterday protested the arrest of poet Shafiq Habib, who was detained on suspicion that his latest collection of poems could incite anti-Israeli violence.

Israel's new Foreign Minister David Levy suffered a slight heart attack days ago but was in good condition.

An Israeli military court yesterday sentenced a Palestinian journalist for 45 months behind bars for charges of being part of the unified national leadership of the intifada.



A group of Palestinian students walk together after their first day of classes June 16 since Israeli authorities closed colleges and universities in the occupied territories three years ago. (Reuter wirephoto)

W. Bank campus opens

A test case

studies.

"Everybody will remember these long months, I think it will stay quiet," he said.

Occupation authorities ordered the universities to close in January 1988, days after the uprising erupted, saying they were centres of protest.

The partial reopening follows intense pressure from the United States and the European Economic Community, which suspended scientific co-operation with Israel in protest at the closures.

Diplomatic sources said Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir might be trying to signal that his new

right-wing government would not necessarily be more repressive than the previous left-right coalition.

"The order (to close) was a blanket order covering all universities so I don't think that specific disturbances had any part in the closure," college president Toufik Shakhashir said.

Staff at the university's college of technology in the West Bank town of Abu Dis hope it will be next to reopen. The art and Islamic religion faculties in Israeli-annexed East Jerusalem were exempted from the closure.

Cyrus peace force

Mandate renewed

UNITED NATIONS, June 16, (Reuters): The Security Council unanimously approved yesterday another six-month renewal of the UN Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) until Dec 15, 1990.

The force, comprising 2,130 men, has been stationed on the Mediterranean island since 1964 to help keep the peace between the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities.

It consists of troops contingents from Austria, Britain, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland and Sweden, and about 40 civilian police from Australia and Sweden.

Cyprus has been virtually partitioned since 1974 when troops from Turkey occupied the northern part after a short-lived coup in Nicosia engineered by the military junta then ruling Greece.

Repeated rounds of UN-sponsored talks to reunite the island under a federal system of government have all failed.

The most recent attempt was when Cypriot President George Vassiliou and Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash met in New York last February and March.

Conscription

\$10,000 for exemptions

AMMAN, June 16, (Reuters): Jordan's lower house of Parliament, after a debate in which the government was accused of fostering class divisions, approved today the sale of exemptions from military service to citizens working abroad.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran said the exemptions, available to workers and their sons living with them abroad, would cost around \$10,000 each.

Jordanian men must serve two years in the military.

The 80-seat house amended the military service law to allow exemption sales after a debate.

They identified the slain commando as Omar Hamid, the Fatah Revolutionary Council (FRC) commander in the Rashidieh camp just south of Tyre, which is 80 km (50 miles) south of Beirut.

Another FRC official was seriously wounded in the brief exchange of machinegun fire, the sources said.

They said the shooting was related to an internal power struggle among FRC commanders over the leadership of Abu Nidal.

Israel facing housing shortages: influx pushes rents high forcing citizens to quit

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 16, (AP): Israel is fast running out of housing for Soviet Jews, and the country could face a severe shortage by year's end.

Government officials say more than 43,000 Soviet Jews have arrived this year, and the influx has pushed up rents in some areas, fueling protests by young Israelis that they are being priced out of the housing market.

"If something isn't done soon, we are going to have a social explosion," warned occupied Jerusalem's Deputy Mayor, Avraham Kehila.

The emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel has been running at record levels since Moscow relaxed exit policies in the spring of 1989, and the United States subsequently tightened its immigration rules.

Nearly 13,000 Soviets came to Israel in 1989. The 1990 total is expected to exceed 150,000, Israeli officials say.

Uri Shoshani, director of engineering and planning in the Housing Ministry, said Israel's estimated 20,000 vacant rental units will be filled in four months.

Three months later, Israel will have exhausted its

supply of "alternate" housing, such as holiday flats, army camps and off-season hotel rooms, he said.

He said the ministry has asked that 60,000 new units be built this year, or three times the rate of recent years.

But so far, ground has been broken for only 7,000 new homes, Shoshani said. "We're building as fast as we can but we're worried that there just won't be enough housing to go around," Shoshani said.

The shortage already is apparent in the modest-priced units that Soviet immigrant families can afford on government housing subsidies of \$237

monthly.

A recent survey by the Hebrew daily *Hadashot* showed rental prices had risen significantly. In suburban Nazareth, monthly rents for two-bedroom units have risen from \$80 to \$200 in the past year. *Hadashot* said. In Rishon Lezion near Tel Aviv, rents have doubled to \$600, and in occupied Jerusalem they are up 150 percent to \$450, the paper said.

The increase has come about because landlords have raised rents on the cheapest apartments to match the Soviets' monthly subsidy.

For the first time in a very long time ago, the government in a large Arab, Islamic country is converted peacefully and in less than two years from a totalitarian regime to a system based on freedom, respect of human rights and people's will, and consultation," a press release issued by Hamed Abu-Nasr, leader of the Muslim Brotherhood, said.

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Stop brutality against Arabs, says Kuwait

Information session opens

DAKAR, June 16. (Kuna): Kuwait has called for a halt of Israel's brutal practices against unarmed Arab civilians in the occupied Arab territories.

This call came in the address delivered yesterday by Kuwaiti Ambassador to Senegal Suleiman Ibrahim Al Murjan at the opening session of the 3rd session of the Standing Committee for Information and Culture, an affiliate of the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

Murjan emphasised the vital need to double efforts towards safeguarding the

identity of Islamic shrines and heritage.

Addressing the conference, the Kuwaiti ambassador brought back to mind the 1969 burning of the Aqsa Mosque at the hands of Zionists, saying that Muslims are urged to stop the Israelis from changing the mosque's Islamic features.

He added that Muslims are also called to end the Israeli repression and deportation of Palestinians, hoping the coming Islamic summit to be hosted by Dakar would mark a start for more co-operation among Muslims world-wide.

Taking the podium next was Senegalese President Abdou Diouf who emphasised the importance of information at present and said that the Islamic media institutions are urged to fortify solidarity among the Muslim peoples.

President Diouf proposed the establishment of a cultural society, to serve Islamic culture and civilisation.

For his part, OIC Secretary-General Hamed Al Ghabad said that the committee's meetings come at an important

phase of Islamic history.

Ghabad noted that the OIC attaches great importance to the media, giving the international Islamic News Agency and the Organisation of Islamic Broadcasting as examples of the OIC's accomplishments.

The committee's meetings, which wind up today, groups representatives from Kuwait, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Bangladesh, Gabon, Indonesia, Morocco, Palestine, Oman, Sierra Leone, Guinea and Turkey.

AS ON occasions divorce is the only way out of marital problems between a husband and wife, the phenomenon is world-wide and Kuwait is no exception.

To view its ramifications, a local daily conducted a survey of

kept for four months. On his return from the hospital, she said that life became a living-hell. One day on her return from her teaching job she said she was surprised to find that all the furniture from the house and electrical appliances had disappeared. The housemaid informed her that her husband had sold all the articles to pay some of his dues.

In spite of her best efforts to maintain the marriage, she said that there was no alternative — except divorce.

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She said that through the past five years she came to realise that her husband was very stingy and refused to pay money for the house and children. When she asked him for a separation he demanded a deco of cession from her. She said that the divorce was the only way out of living with a stingy husband.

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She added that her husband's business was prospering but to her surprise her husband was totally changed when he came back from his business trip. She found out that her husband was involved with an Asian female who is only 25 years old. Her husband took all of his money and sold all of his stuff and left her. He is now married to that same female he met in one of the Asian countries. She said that she is asking for divorce because her husband does not deserve any respect.



Contract signed

Undersecretary of the Ministry of Defence, Faisal Ali Al Dawoud signed a contract with one of the national companies for the construction of some ministry buildings. The contract is aimed at developing and modernising Kuwait Armed Forces.

TT Centre

THE Test Tube Babies Centre has recently resumed its activities after a year of inactivity due to technical reasons, the director of the centre, Dr Mahmoud Matwah said. He disclosed that there are about 20 women currently undergoing the test tube experiment.

Meanwhile, he confirmed that the number of patients will double in the near future as there are about 700 women in Kuwait who desire to undergo the process.

Gulf Air

MUSCAT, June 16. (Kuna): The Gulf Air, owned jointly by the Sultanate of Oman, United Arab Emirates and Bahrain is to purchase six Boeing 767 planes to join four aircraft of this type already in service.

The decision was reached during the meeting of the company's board of directors here Thursday.

The meeting also agreed to launch new lines from Muscat to other points but the company did not disclose the destinations.

Islamic curricula

BAGHDAD, June 16. (Reuter): The Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) member states decided yesterday to unify the curricula in their Islamic religious schools and institutes.

The decision was made at a meeting of endowment and religious affairs ministers of the ACC member states of Iraq, Egypt, Jordan and Yemen.

The ministers called for unification of Islamic laws in their countries, particularly covering the fields of pilgrimage to Makkah, Zakat (Islamic tax) and endowment.

Iraqi dam

BAGHDAD, June 16. (Reuter): Agriculture and Irrigation Minister Abdul Wahab Mahmood inaugurated the first phase of northern Iraq's big Bakrha Dam yesterday.

Built on the greater Zab river in the autonomous region of Kurdistan, the dam will generate electricity, control flooding and irrigate an area of 156,000 hectares (20,000 square miles).

The dam, at Erbil, is about 20 kms (12 miles) south of Turkey and about 40 kms (24 miles) west of Iran.

Construction began a year before the end of the 1980-88 Gulf war. Diplomats say the first phase cost more than 1.4 billion dollars.

Bakhrus is being built by a consortium of the US Bechtel Corporation, Yugoslav Hydrogradnia and Turkish Enka companies. The inauguration was reported by official Iraqi News Agency.

Emergency landing

CAIRO, June 16. (Reuter): A small plane belonging to Saudi Arabia's national airline Saudia made a forced landing yesterday at an airport east of Cairo, an official at Cairo's international airport said.

Egypt's Middle East News Agency Mena said the plane suffered engine troubles while crossing Egyptian airspace and asked for permission to make an emergency landing.

Mena said fire tenders, ambulances and security forces landed the runway but the plane landed safely.

US senate committee debate

Administration opposes sanctions against Iraq

WASHINGTON, June 16. (Kuna): US Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East John Kelly stressed here yesterday the importance of maintaining good relations with Iraq and came out against senate attempts to impose sanctions against it.

He noted that Iraq's fissile material is under International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards and is inspected regularly.

And in a bid to prevent the imposition of sanctions against Iraq by a hostile congress, Kelly made it clear to committee members that the administration is opposed to such sanctions because they will not work.

"Based on past experience, we do not believe that legislating unilateral trade and economic sanctions would help us to achieve US goals with Iraq."

He added, "to be effective, economic sanctions should be imposed on a multilateral basis. There is no prospect of this in the case of Iraq."

Sanctions

In addition, he said sanctions would definitely hurt US exporters and worsen the American trade deficit. "Sanctions would not improve our ability to exercise a restraining influence on Iraqi sanctions," the senior official told committee members.

Kelly concluded, "We believe it is important to give the government of Iraq an opportunity to demonstrate that it can act to reverse this deterioration in relations. We are therefore opposed to legislation which would impose economic sanctions...."

The US has a number of co-operation programmes with Iraq, none of which is aid. "US taxpayer dollars do not go to Iraq," Kelly assured congressmen at one point.

The largest co-operation programme between the two countries is that of credit guarantees, which is run by the Department of Agriculture.

According to this programme, the US exported about \$1 billion in agricultural commodities to Iraq in 1989.

As listed by Kelly, these include: expulsion of the Abu Nidal group from Iraq, co-operation with Arab League efforts to end fighting in Lebanon, the discussion of a new constitution for Iraq, participating in the 1989 Paris conference on chemical weapons, and Iraq's clear indication that it will not obstruct the parties directly involved in the Middle East process.

But a number of recent measures by Iraq have caused worry to the United States, according to Kelly. These include Iraq's criticism of US presence in the Gulf and the launch of the missiles.

Organ donation continuous giving

DONATIONS of organs after death is considered a noble and human act. The need to donate organs emanates from the importance to save the life of others who live constantly in pain and fear of death.

Humanity and science place high values on alleviating these sufferings by undertaking transplants and continually call for organ donations — before or after death. In this respect Islamic rulings have now permitted transplanting of organs — within certain stipulations.

A local daily interviewed a number of citizens to highlight their opinions on the issue of organ donation and transplants and here are a few excerpts.

Doctor Mohammed Al Mousawi states that scientific advancements in the medical field led to successful solutions for many illnesses. He stressed that Islam is a religion of science and development adding that it considered donation of organs to be a continuous giving. Future will carry further advancements in this field.

He added that the role of Kuwait Organs Transplant Society is considered of high importance under scientific and medical developments in this field. The role of the society put more emphasis on the process of providing citizens with more awareness by spreading the co-operation spirit and unity in the field of organs transplant.

He added that Kuwait Organs Transplant Society co-operates with some government and private establishments in presenting ill citizens with assistance. Such assistance is represented by giving travel tickets to patients.

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Investigations are in progress and the suspects have been remanded to police custody.

Kuwaitis 56.1 pc in public schools

ACCORDING to a statistical release issued by the Planning Department at the Education Ministry the total number of students in all public sectors schools has reached 373,718, boys and girls, of which 209,757 students are Kuwaitis, accounting for 56.1 per cent.

The release said that the highest percentage of students in the public education sector was among Kuwaiti students in the capital schools, where the total number of students was 51,029, boys and girls, of whom 34,457 were Kuwaitis, accounting for 67.5 per cent of the total number.

The release said the lowest percentage of Kuwaiti students was recorded in Jahra, where the total number of students was 74,480, of whom 25,454 were Kuwaitis accounting for 34.1 per cent.

The release also added that the largest number of kindergarten students was recorded in Hawally educational area where the total number of students was recorded at 8,759 boys and girls, of whom 8,338 were Kuwaitis, accounting for 95.2 per cent.

The largest number of intermediate students was recorded in the Farwaniya educational area as the total number recorded was 28,150, boys and girls, of whom 21,679 accounted for 55.7 per cent.

Political pluralism guaranteed, says Saleh

KUWAIT, June 16. (Kuna): President of the Republic of Yemen Ali Abdulla Saleh has ruled out that the reunified Yemeni state would become another Lebanon, due to its leadership structure.

In an interview with a local daily, President Saleh affirmed that all Yemenis, northerners or southerners, are keen to realise the supreme interest of their motherland.

The Yemeni president was responding to a question on whether having northerners in top positions with southerners as their assistants would have a negative effect on the future of the republic.

He said that the constitution of the new state guarantees political pluralism, while the economic system is based on integration among the public, private and co-operative sectors.

In this line, President Saleh said that Yemen will witness many economic activities in the coming years, with special focus on future development plans, adding that Aden will play a vital part in the prosperity of the Yemeni economy.

Regarding Arab support needed for the new state, he indicated that Yemenis will aim at utilising their resources in the most stable status of the country, but affirmed that any Arab contribution in this respect is welcome.

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According to police sources, a security patrol at Al Salim road pursued a car driven by the alleged smuggler identified as M.A. a Kuwaiti national and on searching the vehicle discovered 202 bottles of whiskey.

During investigations, the accused confessed that he had an accomplice who was a stateless person. A police search successfully apprehended the suspect. Further investigation of the suspect police to uncover a large quantity of whiskey which they had buried near the camel race track.

He said that compensation to the victims will be paid and the suspect will be remanded to police custody.

Asked on reports that Mauritania has deployed Iraqi

More women opting for legal separation

Traditions changing

AS ON occasions divorce is the only way out of marital problems between a husband and wife, the phenomenon is world-wide and Kuwait is no exception.

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She said that she had married her husband without knowing his past and that after marriage she discovered that he was married twice and that he had been divorced. She said that she had to live with this fact after her husband had told her that he was unlucky in both previous marriages.

She said that after a long time of sharing expenses her husband received his full retirement pension and decided to sell a part of it in order to start up his own business: importing clothes from Asian countries.

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Avoid functional duplication in oil sector: Dabbous

Need for industrialists union dismissed

THE managing director at the Kuwait Refineries Engineering and Maintenance Industries Company Ghannim Hamad Al Dabbous has stressed the need to unify all points of contact for investors in the oil sector under one corporate body to facilitate the processing of all required transactions.

He told a local daily that the major field of activity in Kuwait is trading. He warned of functional duplication between the Kuwait Union of Industrialists and the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

He said that Kuwait has a few simple industries, but main government financial support is centred on the oil and oil-related industries. He also pointed out that no real industry exists in Kuwait in the true sense of the term.

Jaafar retires after 40 years

KUWAIT, June 16. (Kuna): Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Ahmed Al Sabah today hailed the achievements of former information undersecretary Abdul Aziz Jaafar in a party held in honour of his retirement.

In a speech, Sheikh Jaber spoke highly about the hard work undertaken by Jaafar over more than 40 years in the mass media sector.

He expressed hope that the experience of Jaafar would be benefited from in the future through the advice he can give.

Assistant undersecretary for radio affairs Dr Abdul Aziz Al Mansour also delivered a speech in which he lauded the efforts exerted by Jaafar over more than 40 years and requested him to give counsel to the different Kuwaiti mass media so as to advance and realize the hoped-for objectives.

Jaafar also delivered a speech in which he expressed thanks to all former information ministers and Sheikh Jaber who gave him the confidence and support that enabled him to participate in the Kuwaiti press march.

During the party, Jaafar received two cables of appreciation from Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber and Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed for the prominent role he assumed in the Kuwaiti press march.

Saddam in Sanaa

BAGHDAD, June 16. (Reuter): Iraqi President Saddam Hussein arrived in Sanaa today on a surprise visit to the new Republic of Yemen, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

It said he was welcomed at the airport by President Ali Abdullah Saleh.



Saline plants project

Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed toured the Saline plants agriculture project located at the Jahra-Subiya road recently.

The minister was escorted by the board director of the General Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, Sheikh Ibrahim Dusai Al Sabah, and the Director-General of Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Dr Ahmed Al Jassar and a number of officials.

Sheikh Ibrahim pointed out that this is one of the most important projects at the General Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources. He added that the authority and Ksar co-operated in order to exchange information on the project and to achieve ideal methods of irrigation in a country like Kuwait which lacks fresh water resources.

He added that expansions will be made to implement this project due to the importance of this type of agriculture in giving a new source of food for livestock in the country. He pointed out that plants included in the project used saline water from the sea.



Self-improvement courses

Kapilku to award certificates

THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait/Kapilku will hold the awards ceremony of the certificate of attendance for three courses which were held last year namely, tailoring, book-keeping and basic accounting and basic computer, on Thursday, July 5, 1990 at Aralaya Restaurant, the sponsor, starting at 8.00 pm.

The guests of honour are HE Ambassador Dr Mayug Mohammad Tamano and his wife Madame Norombai Tamano who will award the certificates to all successful participants.

Outgoing Kapilku President Manny Inserto announced that the proceeds of this graduation ball will be donated to the school funds of the embassy.

All participants of the courses are requested to contact Sarab Macarimbang, outgoing Kapilku vice-president for social and cultural affairs, on telephone numbers 4839009, 4839889 and 4843447 for reservation. Buffet dinner will be served at KD3 for the occasion.

The following are the successful participants for the three self-improvement courses.

Tailoring

Marilou S. Sanganan, Melba D. Cando, Delia Esteban, Miriam D. Alfor, Marissa D. Dionisio, Lorena Calderon, Magdalena P. Lazalita, Andres Alcantara, Sittie Suiada Pisangan, Virgilio S. Bagano, Pantaleon A. Quero Jr, Ruth A. Roman, Mary F. Reveredo, Albertina Pereira, Milagros L. Ebio, Socorro M. Braga, Rita

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Chairman: Ojie Olor, outgoing Kapilku vice-president for welfare and special projects.

Instructors: Bayani Trinidad, Eli Antolin

Book-keeping and basic accounting

Reynato M. Adones, Obdulia I. de los Angeles, Joey U. Manastas, Leonora g. Tomacruz, Marissa L. Agripa, Elsa T. Vargas, Benny Perez, Luz C. Boco, Rosita B. Caballa, Teresita S. Bella, Socorro M. Braga, Juliana A. Dulla, Lorna V. Bisquera, Lourdes E. Recio, Benjamin Tajan-Tajan, Wilfredo P. Caballero, Pedro Fruenda Jr, Helen V. Gamboa, Rosmary P. Garcia, Carlos Edilberto G. Alcos, Esther O. Salvador, Joel L. Abuel, Marian Laygo, Arturo D. Tapia, Lorenzo C. Caballo, Thaddeus U. Guison, Anne P. Fernandes, Gilerto E. San Tiago, Jencely L. Fortaleza, Evangelina S. Inserto, Lorena H. Calderon, Marissa C. Dionisio, Melba D. Cando, Jeni Jude H. Jordan, Romulo E. Tadeo, Estelito P. Canlasa, Virgilio S. Bagano, Sittie Siuada S. Pisangan, Pedro Fruenda Jr.

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Special Report

The truth will out

Stasi secret files found

EAST BERLIN, (AP): Erich Mielke ran his secret empire from musty, dimly lit office in a huge complex of buildings on the outskirts of East Berlin.

When he was forced to give up his post as chief of the East German secret police, he left behind an empty safe, a newspaper shredder, and a poorly rendered painting of the Berlin Wall.

He left an open jar of fruit juice in the refrigerator, a box of uniforms from the communist youth group in a closet, and a personal switchboard connecting him to his security chiefs around the world.

As almost every East German knows, Mielke also left behind a vast army of secret police and 6 million clandestine files, a seemingly bottomless well of information ranging from the mundane to the potentially explosive.

His organization no longer exists. Mielke, 82, is hospitalized and reported suffering from senility. The new government is trying to decide what to do with the employees, the buildings and the millions of files.

Information

To many East Germans, the files are a Pandora's Box. To Western intelligence agencies, they are a potential gold mine of information about the former government's espionage activities abroad, and its reported role in training and harbouring international terrorists.

"They are very important," said George Carver, a former CIA station chief in Bonn, West Germany. "The East Germans ran a very efficient police state and had one of the best intelligence services in the world," he said in a recent telephone interview.

East German authorities in the past two weeks arrested several reputed members of West Germany's leftist Red Army Faction, which has been blamed for a string of killings and bombings during the past two decades.

All had been among the most wanted people in West German history, and all had been living quietly in East Germany apparently with the knowledge and help of the former secret police.

One, Susanne Albrecht, said she had been granted asylum by the secret police and furnished with a new identity.

Another, Inge Viett, 46, was known to be living in East Germany as far back as 1986.

The East Germans were used to train security services around the world, said Carver. "They were very involved in allowing terrorists to stay in East Germany. If that is with foundation, it should be made public."

Interior Minister Peter-Michael Diestel of East Germany, who oversees police functions in East Germany, said he would "clear up as much as possible this diabolical connection between the Ministry for State Security and the terror scene."

But Diestel has come under fire for employing more than 2,000 members of the former secret police, known as the Stasi.

Stasi employees still work at the vast main headquarters in Berlin, and many are in the police department.

They are still around and I do not know why. I see the same people drinking in the same bars," said East Berliner Helmut Frankan, 66, who said his restaurant was closed by the secret police because too many young people frequented it.

Thousands of others are unemployed and drawing jobless benefits or pensions.

Many former East German agents were believed to have been recruited both by Soviet and Western intelligence agencies after the pro-democracy revolt.

Hans Gert Lange, a spokesman for West German counter-intelligence agency, said there was a sharp rise in defections from East Germany after the old hard-line regime was thrown out last autumn.

"A lot, I would say," he said.

About 85,000 people were employed by the Stasi, from file clerks to surveillance experts, and other 109,000 — ranging from teachers to travel agents — had informal secret police duties.

After the former government of hardliner Erich Honecker was toppled last autumn, a caretaker communist government appointed a committee and a team of government officials to disband the Stasi and catalogue the files and its vast properties.

After the current government was elected, that committee was replaced by a new one that is to recommend to the government how to finally dismantle the once-fearsome apparatus and, perhaps most importantly, what to do with the closely guarded files.

Prime Minister Lothar de Maiziere had denied similar accusations that he was secret police informant.

Albrecht Dauer, a former member of the Citizens' Committee, said virtually all 400 Parliament members have looked at their Stasi files.

Many East Germans have intense hatred for the sprawling network that followed, bugged, intimidated, interrogated and often imprisoned dissidents.

A Stasi file from last year on an East German environmental group includes detailed lists of meetings, members and even the name of the pastor of the church where it met.

It refers to the group's "hostile and negative activities."

Ex-CIA man Carver said East Germany should conduct a case-by-case analysis of the Stasi files and remove any elected official who was found to have collaborated.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1579 — Sir Francis Drake proclaims England's sovereignty over New Albion (California).

1665 — Spanish are defeated by Portuguese and British at Montes Claros, and further victory at Villa Viciosa secures Portuguese independence.

1698 — Peter the Great's foreign mercenaries scatter the Strelitz rebels in Moscow.

1701 — Sweden's King Charles XII relieves Riga from Russian occupation and subsequently invades Courland and Poland.

1811 — National Council meets in Paris to settle dispute between Napoleon Bonaparte and Pope Pius VII.

1843 — Maoris revolt against British in New Zealand.

1848 — Austrian troops under Prince Windischgratz suppress Czech revolt in Prague.

1947 — Burmese constituent assembly resolves for independent republic of Burma.

1958 — Announcement is made of Imre Nagy's execution after secret trial in Hungary.

1967 — China announces it has exploded its first hydrogen bomb.

1969 — Communist summit conference in Moscow ends with majority support of public document that omits any criticism of China.

1971 — United States and Japan sign agreement to restore island of Okinawa to Japan.

1973 — US Skylab 1 astronauts go into 24th day in space, breaking record established by Soviet cosmonauts.

1987 — Lefist guerrillas ambush two army trucks in southern Colombia jungle, killing 32 soldiers and wounding 24.

1989 — Israeli soldiers wound eight Arabs in scattered clashes during Palestinian general strike called to protest Israel's Middle East peace plan.

NSF win moves debate into streets

Traditional split heightened

Chronology of events

BUCHAREST, (AP): The violence that marked Romania's overthrow of Nicolae Ceausescu always seems ready to explode — a product of the bloodiest communist rule in Eastern Europe and centuries of ethnic and political strife.

The overwhelming victory of president-elect Ion Iliescu and his National Salvation Front in May, five months after Ceausescu's ouster, only heightened the traditional divisions in society.

Iliescu's triumph left the opposition with little power to exert political pressure on him, and debate moved into the streets.

The press, with several exceptions, offers little constructive criticism, inflaming rather than calming passions.

Destroyed

"We destroyed the political power of communism. But the social, economic and administrative structures are in their place, and that is the second phase of the revolutions," Stefan Tanase, editor of the weekly "22," said in an interview.

Predicting chaos in the next six months as the economy deteriorates and workers start to strike, Tanase said the Salvation Front will gradually lose power.

For now, however, Iliescu can rely on the communist structures he inherited virtually intact to enforce his will.

He summoned tens of thousands of supporters into the streets Thursday. The tactic only added to Wednesday's violent clashes between anti-government demonstrators and security forces, in which at least five people died.

Iliescu's backers clubbed opponents to the ground, ransacked opposition party offices and demanded a ban on the independent newspaper Romania Libera.

Their actions feed on fear of a changing future and ignorance of democratic institutions bred by five decades of communist or fascist rule.

By casting himself as the guardian of workers and their interests, Iliescu has limited his ability to manoeuvre for change.

Iliescu is "prisoner of the apparatus ... of the engine on which he is jolted," said Thomas Kleiningen, vice-chairman of a leading intellectual group, the Group for Social Democracy in a May interview.

"He could have the best intentions, but he can't do what he wants," Kleiningen said of Iliescu.

Unique

"The almost unique chance to take now the road of genuine democracy and join in the flow of European values has been missed, at least for a while, with amazing carelessness," the daily Romania Libera wrote of Iliescu's May 20 election.

The failure to dismantle communist structures in Romania leaves in place the terror bred by one of the most brutal instruments of repression in Eastern Europe.

(AP): Here is a chronology of events in Romania since the communists took power after World War II.

1947 — Communists backed by Soviet forces who invaded at the close of the war take power in a virtual coup, forcing abdication of King Michael. Tens of thousands of people die in a bloody repression.

1965 — Communist leader Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej dies. Nicolae Ceausescu takes over.

1968 — Ceausescu denounces Soviet-led crackdown against reform in Czechoslovakia. His foreign policy moves independent of Moscow put him on good terms with the West despite repressive measures at home.

Dec 25 — Committee announces it has tried, convicted and executed Ceausescu and his wife for crimes including genocide and destruction of the national economy.

Feb 1 — Iliescu, an ex-member of the Ceausescu regime and a leader of the revolution, is named chairman of council of National Salvation Committee.

Fighting subsides.

Jan 12 — Iliescu says the Communist Party is outlawed, but government retracts the ban a week later.

Feb 1 — The government proposes creation of interim "mini-Parliament" with veto power over the ruling council until elections May 20. It meets for the first time Feb 9.

Feb 19 — Anti-communist demonstrators saying country still led by holdovers of the Ceausescu regime temporarily seize government headquarters.

Mar 2 — Twenty-one officers of Securitate go on trial in Timisoara, death toll there said to be 34 rather than up to 4,000 as rumoured during the revolution.

Mar 13 — Provincial Parliament rules out election candidacies by any members of Ceausescu's old guard.

Mar 15 — Iliescu, at first post-revolutionary news conference, does not repudiate market economy.

April 22 — Anti-communist demonstration starts in Bucharest's University Square. May 20 — Front and Iliescu win overwhelming victory in elections tainted by charges of violence and unfair media advantage being used against the opposition.

June 13 — Police break up the anti-communist demonstration in University Square, beating some protesters. Rioting erupts and police open fire. At least four people are killed.

June 14 — More clashes reported. Tens of thousands of workers turn out in support of the government, some beating members of the opposition and ransacking opposition party offices.

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Algeria

Journalism to be revamped

ALGIERS. (Reuters): Spurred on by new freedom, Algerian journalists are scrambling to set up independent newspapers in what could revolutionise a press long muzzled by a one-party system.

Maamar Farah, until recently editor of Algeria's biggest selling daily, is one of dozens of journalists leaving the state press to set up their own dailies and magazines, the first since independence from France in 1962.

He could have kept a comfortable job and a chauffeur car within the state-owned media.

But when the government offered to help journalists with the new experiment as part of a emerging multi-party democracy — Algeria held elections for municipal and provincial councils this week in the first multi-party poll since independence — Farah saw an opportunity he could not refuse.

Dream

It is the dream of every journalist to found his own newspaper. If I had passed up the chance I would always have regretted it," said Farah, 40, formerly of the daily Horizons.

The journalists' success could make the press — long controlled under the one-party rule of the National Liberation Front (FLN) — the freest and most diverse in the Arab world outside Lebanon.

Journalists are buzzing with ideas for dailies in Arabic and French and weeklies on sports, the economy and topics of particular concern to women. There are six proposed new dailies and six planned weekly and five monthly magazines.

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Monopoly

A new information "law" adopted by Parliament in March ends the state monopoly of the media and the prime minister's office has since been flooded with projects for privately-owned newspapers, magazines and even television and radio stations.

Five newly legal opposition parties from communists to Islamic fundamentalists already publish newspapers in three languages — French, Arabic and Berber, the original non-Arab language of North Africa.

Ethnic tensions could explode, as they did in the Transylvanian town of Targu Mures in March, when clashes between ethnic Hungarians and Romanians left at least six people dead.

Much to the consternation of journalists and the opposition, the government last month handed over the country's two morning dailies — El-Moudjahid in French and El-Chaab in Arabic — to the FLN.

The afternoon dailies Horizons and El-Messa, left in state hands, closely follow the government line.

But a cabinet decision also gave journalists the option of leaving the public sector to join the independent or party press with full salary for three years.

The money can be collected in a lump sum. Journalists are using it as capital to start their own ventures.

Spearheaded

A bi-weekly youth tabloid, Jeune Indépendant, spearheaded the drive in April. Kamel Belkacem, former editor of the liberal weekly Algérie Actualité, plans both a commercial television station and a new tabloid weekly.

A group of 35 journalists from El-Moudjahid and the FLN weekly revolution Africaine plan a morning daily in French.

Farah, Chafiq and the others are busy securing bank loans and meeting lawyers to form publishing companies. The state has promised office space and backing for an import loan.

Under reforms liberalising Algeria's socialist economy, media advertising and distribution are no longer state monopolies and the new papers hope to tap a market not fully exploited by the former advertising monopoly Anep.

Still the ventures are unlikely to start as big money earners and journalists confess some anxiety. Presses are still in state hands, and the printing prices they charge are prohibitively high, the journalists say.

"It will be tough. But if there was not a minimum of risk the project would not be worth undertaking," said Omar Belhouchet of El-Moudjahid, one of those behind the proposed new French-language daily.

QUOTE ME

"We've already passed the middle of the river. The general consensus is that we should reach a final agreement as soon as possible. The time has come, the conditions are ripe. I can't say exactly when, but very soon we shall witness the establishment of the Supreme National Council of Cambodia, consisting of all four parties." — Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Rogachev in China to brief the government on the US-Soviet summit.

"The greatest pressure Saturday night will not be on George Foreman, it will be on Mike Tyson. He's lost. Not only did he lose, he was knocked out decisively. People tease him because he was looking for his mouthpiece, only because no one prepared him for a knockdown. He's got to make a good impression, because he's been rude, too. That's a lot of pressure on Mike Tyson." — Foreman on the Tyson-Tillman bout.

"If he had a chance to start all over and start from the bottom again, he couldn't build himself up to the same Mike Tyson. Now he starts back on top. When you start on top, there's only one direction, you can go and that's down. If he had a chance to take off awhile, a year or 12 months, he could become more devastating." — George Foreman suggesting Tyson should start his comeback by fighting "small" opponents.

"For some time, we've urged a peaceful resolution of this confrontation, one that will result in dialogue, negotiation if you will, and lifting of this economic blockade against Lithuania. And so I hope that what we saw yesterday is a first step in a dialogue that will lead to the self-determination that we strongly support. In any event I think it was good news. I don't want to overstate it, but I was very pleased to see this occur in the wake of ... what I think was a successful summit meeting." — George Bush on Gorbachev's meeting with Baltic leaders.

US not keen to discard dogma



Nato troops in manoeuvres.

with that erased, we can, I believe, shift to a new strategy and that would use Nato nuclear forces.

Declaration

Baker replied that the first use of nuclear weapons doctrine would be part of the Nato review. One arms control specialist said the declaration was the first time Washington had acknowledged that this basic principle would be reconsidered.

A senior US official said nuclear weapons link US and European strategies, ensure all parties share the risk of war and remind the allies of the danger of escalating a conflict.

"You don't want to create a sense that somehow it's okay to go to war now because we don't have to fear the danger of escalation as much," the official

when you phone us. We give you the choice of every telephone number in the system. Next month we're going to put out a company phone book which you can buy for \$9.95. Direct dialling is the wave of the future. The more live people a company eliminates from its telephone system payroll, the more efficient that company will become.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Non-Kuwaiti share market picks up

3 indices dip

THE Alshall index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 40.41 points with a decrease of 0.12 points — 0.30 per cent — from last week's average.

The Alshall Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 54.99 points with an increase of 1.22 points — 2.27 per cent — for the same period, according to Alshall weekly market review.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 30.36 million shares at a daily average of 6.07 million shares with a decrease of 48 per cent from previous week's daily average of 11.07 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 6.035 million shares at a daily average of 1.207 million shares with an increase of 205 per cent over last week's daily average of 0.396 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD10.55 million at a daily average of KD2.11 million, a decrease of 54 per cent from last week's daily average of KD4.54 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.334 million at a daily average of KD0.067 million, an increase of 272 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.018 million.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the Banking Sector came first at 32 per cent of total trading against 59 per cent last week. The National Bank of Kuwait had the lead at 49 per cent, followed by Kuwait Finance House at 24 per cent and Al-Ahli Bank of Kuwait at 10 per cent. The Investment Sector came second at 37 per cent in which Kuwait Investment Projects Company had the lead at 47 per cent followed by Coast Investment & Development Company at 32 per cent and International Financial Advisers Company at 11 per cent. The Food Sector came third at 11 per cent in which United Fisheries of Kuwait Company had the lead at 79 per cent, followed by Livestock Transport & Trading Company at 21 per cent.

As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Bahrain International Bank had the lead at 80 per cent, followed by Sharjah Cement & Industrial Development Company and Umm Al Qaiwain Cement Industries Company at 9 per cent each, and Arabian General Investment Company (Shua'a) at 2 per cent.

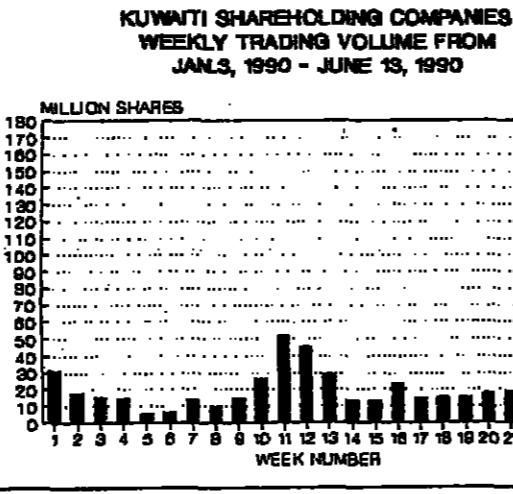
The market for Kuwaiti shares slowed down after an active week. This was reflected on all three indices. On the contrary non-Kuwaiti shares market showed signs of activity after a long period of slow down. The dealers showed a shift in their concentration from the traditionally traded sectors which happens from time to time and we expect it to be temporary.

We expected last week for the market to slow down as there was no justification for the recent active trading because it has no relation with the performance of the traded companies.

We expect that further fluctuations would take place during the rest of this month and next month for the same reasons which caused the market movements during the last week. We do not expect that the mid-year financial data which will be issued by the traded companies will have an effect on the market before August of this year and its influence will be in both directions.

Kuwait shareholding companies index

	Wed.	Wed.	Change
13/06/90	06/06/90	points	
First G. Bk.	263.16	263.16	—
Bah. Int'l. Bk.	84.14	84.14	—
Bah. M.E. Bk.	84.47	84.47	—
A. Gen. Inv. (Shua'a)	45.45	45.45	—
Umm Al Q. Cmty.	16.50	15.75	0.75
Sharjah Cement*	24.77	20.01	4.75
G. Med. Proj.	13.13	13.13	—
Total Index	54.99	53.76	1.22



IDB keen to finance projects

MANAMA, June 16, (Kuna): Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank is keen on financing projects in the less developed member states and in particular the agricultural projects, said Dr Ahmed Mohammed Al-Ali, the president of the Islamic Development Bank, in a press statement published here today.

The IDB is planning to increase its financial resources so as to meet the increasing requirements of the member states, he added.

"We are keen on co-operation with the international financial organisations and institutions," he added.

He noted that the IDB, which has a capital of two billion Islamic dinar, has been successfully extending services and facilities to its member states so as to enable them to implement development projects.

In the last decade the IDB contributed to implementation of three billion Islamic dinar worth development projects in the member states, he said.

Dr Ali said the IDB is keen on enhancing commercial exchange among the Islamic countries.

'There is good appetite for investment'

ABC share issue oversubscribed

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ABC president Abdullaah Saudi told reporters about 85 per cent of the bank's new issue of 50 million shares had been privately placed with firms and individuals in the Arab world.

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especially as a government share flotation was going on at the same time, he added. Bahrain sold its entire 40 per cent stake in the Bahrain Hotels Company for \$17.3 million.

ABC's \$14 share price was below its book value which stood at \$15.33 at end-1989. The par value is \$10.

Saudi said part of the money from the new share issue would be used to finance a new ABC subsidiary in Europe which would give the bank a foothold there after European Economic Community markets unify in 1992.

The subsidiary, with a paid-in capital of \$250 million, would be set up by the end of 1990, he said.

ABC, with total assets of \$21.73 billion at the end of 1989, transferred its entire 1989 net profit of \$132 million to loan loss provisions.

Last September, it became the first Arab bank to receive an international credit rating for its paper.

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Saudi did not give a breakdown of the new investors but a spokesman for the Riyadh-based Consulting Centre for Finance and Investment, lead manager for the offering in the Arab world, told Reuters 1,000 were mainly by Arab investors.

ABC president Abdullaah Saudi told reporters about 85 per cent of the bank's new issue of 50 million shares had been privately placed with firms and individuals in the Arab world.

Ten per cent of the shares, priced at \$14 each, were placed with investors outside the region while just under six per cent were sold to the public on the Bahrain market. The offering began three weeks ago.

"This demonstrates one important thing — that there is liquidity and there is good appetite for investment, especially in the Arab world," Saudi said.

The share offering, which raised ABC's paid-in capital by one third to \$1 billion, was the first by an Arab institution

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US stocks dodged trouble in first half

NEW YORK, June 16. (UPI): Approaching the midway point of 1990, Wall Street analysts see many blessings to count in the performance of the stock and bond markets so far this year.

Stocks have reached record highs in recent weeks, and bond prices have also rallied as interest rates declined.

Worries about inflation have ebbed as well. But a slowdown in the pace of economic growth doesn't appear, in the eyes of many forecasters, to have brought the business to the brink of any severe, economy-wide recession.

Along with whatever enthusiasm those developments may have engendered, many market commentators and predictions these days express a generous measure of relief.

Since new year's, most observers agree, the markets have tipped with remarkable agility through a minefield of potentially serious hazards.

Already fading into memory from the early weeks of the year are a severe break in Japanese stock prices — some of the losses from which have recently been recouped — and the failure of Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc., the titan of the junk-bond market.

More recently, investors have had to grapple with worries about credit problems facing a diverse list of borrowers and lenders ranging from developer Donald Trump to the money-market mutual funds.

Even the much-discussed threat of a "credit crunch" appears to have been staved off, for the time being at least.

Whatever happens during the summer and beyond, many analysts say, the Federal Reserve has kept some ammunition in reserve to use against any signs of developing economic trouble.

So far, they say, the Fed has held off on any moves to a more stimulative credit policy as growth has weakened.

"The economy is slowing, but a recession can probably be avoided," said Jack Lavery at Merrill Lynch.

"We believe the data to be reported during the weeks ahead will show economic activity to be weak enough and inflation tame enough to spark another Fed easing within the next month."

Hopes of that sort helped inspire a solid advance in the stock market during the past week. The Dow Jones Average of 30 industrial stocks climbed 73.51 points to 2,935.89, surpassing yesterday's previous closing peak of 2,935.19 reached on June 4.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index gained 1.81 to 197.86; the Nasdaq Composite index for the over-the-counter market rose 6.68 to 467.55, and the American Stock Exchange Market Value index was up 2.84 to 364.03.

Iran devalues currency for many imports

NICOSIA, June 16. (Reuters): Secretary of State James Baker met with Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Nakayama yesterday and officials said they made no breakthroughs on plans to narrow the trade gap between the two nations.

Speaking to reporters after the three-hour meeting, a senior state department official said Nakayama was "very firmly committed" to reducing the \$49 billion US trade deficit with Japan.

In the two days before the San Francisco meeting, senior Bush administration officials accused Japan of dragging its feet in talks on the structural impediments initiative, the year-old effort to identify and alter legal and cultural barriers to trade.

But the senior official, who spoke with reporters anonymously, declined to go beyond an April report on the issue.

"The nature of this meeting was not to produce breakthroughs but to emphasise the importance we place on the issue," he said.

Before the meeting, Baker denied that trade talks

Donald Trump's financial cliffhanger ends badly

Stock market gets back on the winning track

NEW YORK, June 16. (UPI): Donald Trump's week-long financial cliffhanger ended badly yesterday as the flamboyant developer announced he was unable to meet a deadline for payments on bonds of one of his three casinos in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The longer-range consequences of the payment failure are unclear, but it now seems evident that Trump's salad days, when the brash real estate tycoon commanded millions on the strength of his signature, have come to an end.

His Trump organization issued a terse statement on Friday saying that about \$30 million in principal and interest payments on high-interest "junk" mortgage bonds of his Trump's castle gambling casino "are not being made."

The announcement suggested that a bailout by banks which have lent Trump some \$2 billion, under which he was to have received \$60 million cash and suspension of some interest payments, had fallen through.

Aside from humiliation for a man who once boasted of a net worth of billions, it was unclear whether the payment failure foreshadowed the dismantling of his empire of real estate, casinos and a shuttle airline.

Two out of the big three automakers saw ratings on their senior debt lowered by Standard and Poor's Corp. during the week. The credit-rating agency said the Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. faced lean times, citing stiff competition, overcapacity in the industry and weak car demand.

Standard and Poor's downgraded Ford senior debt to AA-minus and Chrysler's to BBB-minus. The latter rating was just one level above so-called speculative grade debt. But the agency left the senior debt of General Motors Corp. untouched. Around \$200 billion of car industry debt was concerned overall.

The announcement was a blow to the struggling US automobile industry. The two downgraded companies both

said they were "disappointed" by the agency's move, and said they would continue their investment programmes. Standard and Poor's warned that those new product development programmes could strain resources.

The downgrade came one day after the release of statistics showing sales of domestic cars and trucks fell 13.1 per cent in the June 1-10 period. But all of the decline was attributed to the big three, because the seven Japanese makers with US operations reported higher sales.

The nation continued to grapple with the savings and loan bailout. Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady told Congress the Resolution Trust Corp., the federal agency created to shut down troubled thrifts and sell off their assets to pay depositors, would soon exhaust its \$50 billion operating fund.

The stock market got back on the winning track this week, with the Dow Industrials managing to set another all-time high, rebounding from their first

losing week since April.

The deterioration of the nation's savings and loan industry, called by many in Congress the worst financial debacle since the depression, is expected to cost taxpayers between \$325 billion and \$500 billion.

The RTC said last week it had sold 13,200 foreclosed thrift properties since August. However, its holdings of such properties grew 14 per cent to a total of 35,908 worth \$14.92 billion when seized.

The US commercial banking industry has problems too, though not to the same extent as the devastated thrift industry. Troubled real-estate loans translated into a 14-per cent, first-quarter earnings decline for US banks, said Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. chairman William Seidman.

But the first-quarter earnings of \$6.23 billion, while off from \$7.25 billion in the year-earlier quarter, represented an improvement over slim

profits of \$2.1 billion in the last quarter of 1989 and even more so over the 1989 third quarter's loss of \$603 million.

Despite recent Federal Reserve Assurances that the United States is not caught in a credit squeeze, Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher told a newspaper that "it is serious and it appears to be exacerbating." He warned Fed chairman Alan Greenspan it was high time to bring down interest rates.

But economic indicators out in the week gave analysts little cause to believe that a Fed easing of short-term rates was imminent.

May retail sales declined 0.7 per cent, reflecting economic weakness. But on a wholesale level prices rose 0.3 per cent in May after three straight declines, and although consumer prices posted a smaller-than-expected increase of 0.2 per cent, the evidence did not augur looser credit.

An even stronger case against the US

Central Bank's lowering the so-called federal funds rate was a 0.6 per cent gain in industrial production, more than the 0.4 per cent expected. Industrial capacity rose 0.3 per cent, higher than the projected 0.2 per cent, suggesting some economic strength.

The wind of change, or at least a strong breeze, was felt at the New York Stock Exchange this week. Officials said after-hours trading will begin later this year and by 1991 could be taking place at night, electronically, to meet challenges from London, Tokyo and other global bourses.

Meanwhile, a stock exchange panel created after October's "Friday the 13th" market plunge came out with controversial recommendations, saying authorities should oblige exchanges to shut down in high volatility. But it minimized the danger from computerized programme trading, which many have suggested was a major aggravating factor to the October crash and the 1987 crash.

Amman still needs \$770m in external aid this year

Jordan gets \$40m in aid from UAE

AMMAN, June 16. (Reuters): Jordan, dependent on Arab aid to cover its budget deficit, has received \$40 million from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), an official said today.

King Hussein appealed for financial help at last month's Arab summit in Baghdad, saying Jordan had exhausted its material resources and could no longer stand alone against Israel.

The official said Amman had received \$25 million from Iraq, which has promised a total of 50 million this year.

Earlier in the year the UAE donated \$20 million, Qatar 10

million and Oman five million.

Jordan has thus received a total of \$100 million towards its budgeted target of \$60 million from Arab states.

Officials said after the Baghdad summit that Saudi Arabia had pledged to provide \$500 million, and the UAE \$5 million, but the figures remain unconfirmed.

Saudi Arabia, Jordan's main financial backer in recent years, paid at least \$200 million last year, but has not disclosed this year's aid level.

Jordan, burdened by a foreign

debt of \$8 billion, embarked on an austerity programme agreed with the International Monetary Fund in April 1989.

A senior official told Reuters this month that despite debt rescheduling agreements with its government and commercial creditors, Jordan still needed \$770 million in external aid this year and would like a solid Arab commitment of \$1.25 billion annually for the next eight years.

An Arab summit in Baghdad in 1978 pledged \$12 billion over 10 years to Jordan as a "front-line" state against Israel but less

than half of it arrived.

Arab leaders at last month's Baghdad summit approved assistance for Jordan but said actual aid levels should be decided bilaterally.

In another development, Iraq today offered Arab investors rent-free sites to build five-star hotels.

The State Tourism Commission, in an advertisement, said the business would be able to repatriate foreign currency earnings for 10-15 years, after which the state would take over the hotels.



Conference network

"I call books it all" was the theme for the training session on Holiday Inn's latest programme — the Conference Network. The Conference Network is a programme to facilitate reservations for functions/seminars/conferences in all Holiday Inn hotels in Europe, Middle East and Africa. The seminar was held in Kuwait's Holiday Inn and was attended by selected employees of all Gulf properties.

NYSE unveils off-hour trading plan

UK stock market experts puzzled

NEW YORK, June 16. (Reuters): New York Stock Exchange chairman John Phelan is unveiling to members a five-stage plan to trade listed securities after-hours in a gradual move towards 24-hour trading, an exchange spokesman said yesterday.

Wall Street executives have said the move is necessary to maintain the Big Board's stature in the face of stiff competition from rivals in London and Tokyo.

Phelan, who detailed it at a news conference on Thursday in Nashville, Tennessee, includes preliminary plans to begin with a 45-minute session shortly after the 4 pm New York close to cross-block trades at the closing price.

A cross-trade is a securities transaction in which the same broker acts as the agent in both sides of the trade.

Sources familiar with the exchange's deliberations said the Big Board currently plans to have such a system up and running by the fourth quarter of this year.

NYSE officials said details are still being hammered out. Sources familiar with the process said exchange staff are working intensively to develop proposals that month, some of which may be considered at a NYSE board meeting in July.

A first phase would permit clean, pre-arranged cross

trades to cross the NYSE tape as a session likely to begin about 15 to 30 minutes after the close, or the consolidated list of closing prices can be completed, according to the officials.

A second, brief phase might last 15 minutes and would allow for some changes in prices to accommodate certain trades.

Phelan said a third phase, which could be implemented in 1991, would provide for electronic auctions of listed stocks at 8 pm, midnight and 5 am New York time.

Phelan said a fourth phase would involve "midnight trading during the night," but did not elaborate, and that the exchange envisions a fifth phase that could involve a system for around-the-clock trading in NYSE stocks.

About 160 million shares are traded daily on the Big Board, an additional 70 million to 25 million shares of the more than 1,700 stocks listed on the NYSE are trading daily elsewhere, such as in London and Tokyo, in direct trades between firms and on independent trading systems.

Meanwhile, British Stock Market experts said yesterday they were puzzled by the New York Stock Exchange's plan to resume trading in US stocks because that market is relatively small in Europe.

Bombay shares

TCIL bags major Kuwaiti contract

THE Telecommunication Consultants India Ltd. (TCIL) has signed a contract of 0.91 million Kuwaiti dinars with Kuwaiti Ministry of Communications for looking after the maintenance and operation of telephone installations, reports Economic Times.

The Indian embassy sources said TCIL, which has been in the country for over a decade, would be responsible for the construction and maintenance of the entire telephone network in Kuwait.

The present contract, the sources added, was earlier awarded to an East European company and has been now re-awarded to TCIL which, sources said, was "unprecedented."

TCIL, which began its operations in Kuwait in 1978 with a 15,000 Kuwaiti dinars contract, has now in hand turnkey projects worth 2.7 million Kuwaiti dinars.

Forbes

Car Poly

Deafert

Duplo

El Dye

Escorts

Exim Bank

Exim Corp

Around Town



A local group playing Arabian music.



Dr Hisham Ghaleb (right) head of Kisr's social committee seen with some staff.

Kisr's annual social

In a fun-filled evening at the SAS last week Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research honoured winners at sports and cultural activities organised by its social committee during the last year. More than 500 staff members and their families attended the annual event and enjoyed Kuwaiti, Palestinian, Egyptian and Iraqi live music. Dr Hisham Ghaleb, head of the social committee, gave out trophies and gifts to winning staff members and to members of the committee in appreciation of their efforts.



Some Kisr staff and their families.

Oriental beauty tips

AFTER automobiles and electronics, the Japanese are now exporting Oriental beauty tips to the Gulf. Shiseido — a range of makeup and skincare products were introduced last week at a press briefing by the Tokyo-based company's sales manager Mitsuo Miyajima and training manager Mariko Hara.

The company was set up in 1872 in Ginza, Tokyo. Some 90 percent of its sales are absorbed by the Japanese market. It began exporting only in 1965 to the US, Italy (1968) and France and West Germany (1980) followed. Today, they export to 20 countries with 7,700 outlets. Shiseido products are said to be the No. 3 best-sellers on the world market, according to the April edition of the European Forecast magazine.

Miyajima says only ten per cent of Shiseido's total production is exported. Shiseido is now exploring the possibility of starting overseas manufacturing units.

The ABC of beauty care — Japanese style — is a combination of the concept of skincare-cum-makeup. Their fashion message concentrates on "bringing out the essence of life." Thus, darker eyes, redder lips and natural nails. Serge Lutens, formerly with Christian Dior, has created the 1990 autumn-winter range which will be launched here in October by Shiseido's local agents, Electronics Appliances Company.



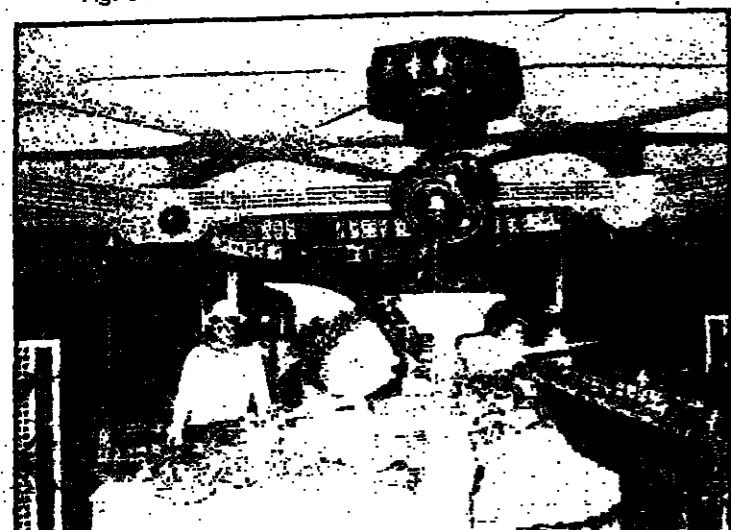
Mitsuo Miyajima (centre) flanked by Grand Stores general manager Tareq Risheq and Mariko Hara at the press briefing.



Father Agnelo of the Holy Family Cathedral recently visited the newly opened Filipino restaurant, Cafe Mahalika. Above: Father Agnelo with cafe owner Larry Gallardo and other guests.



The Kuwait Chapter of the Chaine des Rotisseurs recently held a gala dinner at the SAS Hotel's Chinese restaurant, Peacock Room. The guest of honour was Chinese Ambassador Guan Zi Huai. Above: (L-R): Kathy McGregor, Ralph Williams, Jean Kuendig, SAS general manager, who welcomed the guests.



Seafood promotion, every Wednesday at 7 pm in Mubarakiah Restaurant, Messilah Beach Hotel. Above: the buffet with the marine touch.



Some of the participants.

In memory

Kuwait Bazme Adab held a mushaira in memory of late Shali Saani, who died on May 25 in Kuwait. The event was held at the home of Jagdish Singh Arora. Dr Masood Alam Shams presided; chief guest was Tahir Parvez. Some of the poets who participated in the poetry evening included Abdul Hamid Hosh, Tahir Kaili, Niyaz Banarsi, Kedar Nath Kedar, Noor Parkar, Jasbir Singh Dhiman, Jagdish Singh Arora, Baqai Ahmed Pur, Mohammad Kamal Azhar and Rashed Mewali Shahjehan Jafri. Hijab was the compere.



Noor Parkar

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Nabia Wa Saleh: cartoon serial
9.40 Iftah Ya Simsim
10.10 Good Morning
10.30 Ahlam Al Zahira: Arabic serial; part 8, featuring Majdi Wahba, Karima Mukhtar, Madhi Hamdi, Ibrahim Al Shami
11.15 News summary
12.00 Al Raseef Al Barad: Arabic serial, part 8; featuring Mahmood Saeed, Shafiqah Al Tall, Fuad Al Shomili.
1.30 Songs
1.30 Sanavar: cartoon serial
2.00 News in Arabic
2.15 Ailah Bi Jassoum: Kuwaiti serial; ep. 8; featuring Hussain Qattan, Abdul Wahab Dosari, Moosa Al Hazim
3.35 Alif Laila Wa Laila: featuring Muna Abdul Ghani. Part one.
4.00 Russkies: English feature film
5.30 Sally: cartoon serial
6.00 Cartoons
6.30 Kana Ma Kana: children's serial
7.30 You and Your Health: presented by Dr Hussein Mounis
8.05 Diwaniyat Shura Al Nabt: poetry session
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Rajah Wal Qataar: Arabic serial
11.15 Makhlouq Ismahu Al Imras: "Al Mutallaqah". Starring: Farouk Fishawi, Shahira, Tahya Karioka, Hassan Mustafa, Hussein Sharbini.
12.15 News Summary
12.20 World News Via Satellite
12.35 Holy Quran/Closedown



KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 The Bears: cartoon serial

WHAT'S ON

Social

Pakistan Arts Circle membership campaign
June 30: The initial membership campaign of the Pakistan Arts Circle (veterans) will end on June 30 to prepare for elections of a new executive committee. All Pakistanis are invited to join the PAC by completing the membership form. PAC membership is open to any Pakistani wishing to join the group at any time. For details call: 5716388; 5631815; 4843576; 2414570.

Pakistanis Welfare Society
June 19: 5.30 pm. The monthly meeting of Pakistanis Welfare Society will be held at the residence of Lisquat Ali. Members are requested to come on time.

Festival on Ice
June 18-24: Ice Capades present Festival on Ice at the Ice Skating Rink. Two shows daily. Afternoon show features Barbie Doll. The evening show features figure skating champions and exhibition show. Twenty world class skaters promise family entertainment. For reservations Tel. 2530000/2533000

Overseas students party
June 27: 6 pm. British Council will hold a reception for all students who will be studying in the UK this autumn. The party will be for all students who have been offered a place at any university, polytechnic or college in Britain.

A set of briefing notes will be given to each student. Refreshments will be served. Students going to the UK are asked to call in to collect free admission cards from Kate or Lix in the

British lord to visit the family, and the lady of the house feels it is great opportunity to propose marriage.
10.30 Best-Seller: "Always Afternoon". Romance blossoms between an Australian woman and a German prisoner-of-war.

12.00 News in Brief
12.10 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Sports Channel

Channel 6/45

5.00 Sports Analysis
5.50 World Cup: Egypt vs Ireland (Live)
8.00 Sports Review
10.00 World Cup: Uruguay vs Belgium (Live)
12.10 World Cup: Spain vs S. Korea (recording)

Please note that Kuwait Television programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

Jazz Night: New Orleans atmosphere on Thursday night.

Friday: Oriental luncheon buffet; family day.

Versailles: Business lunch; à la carte dinner.

At the Holiday Inn
Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop: breakfast, lunch and dinner buffets — Continental and Oriental cuisine.

Al Andalus Supper Club: Arabic Nite, every Thursday; Arabic band entertains guests.

Friday Family Lunch: Disney fantasy on Fridays.

At the SAS
Bistro: Sunday/Wednesday — pasta night; Italian music.

Peacock Room: Chinese cuisine; lunch and dinner.

Al Boom: Kuwaiti experience; charcoal grilled food, plus mezze buffet.

Clock: snack bar — burgers, french fries, etc.

At the Plaza:
Al Dallah Coffee Shop: international cuisine; open buffet plus menu.

Lolouwah Corner: snacks and refreshing summer drinks.

Marco Polo: Italian ambience and cuisine, particularly pasta.

Cinema

British Council
June 16/17: 6.30 pm. "84 Char- ing Cross Road", a universally acclaimed film based on the true story of Helene Hanff (Anne Bancroft) will be shown. It tells the story of a 20-year love affair with the staff of a second-hand bookshop. For reservations call 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Al Raqassah Wal Siyasi (Arabic)
Starring: Nabila Obaid, Salah Qabil

Al Sahmiya
Hamzi Al Abah (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Huda Ramzi

Al Hamra
Ana Wal Azaab Wa Huwak (Arabic)
Starring: Waleed Tawfiq

Drive-In
Al Raqassah Wal Siyasi (Arabic)

Al Firdous
Subah-o-Sham (Hindi)

Starring: Waheeda Rehman, Sanjeev Kumar

Fahheel Open-Air
Raffoo Chakkar (Hindi)

Al Fahheel
Sour Grapes

Al Jaha
Phir Wohi Raat (Hindi)

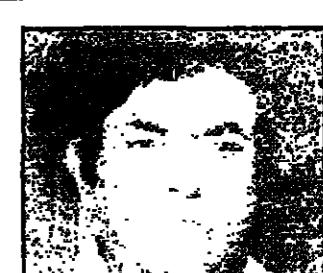
Granada
Mera Suhaag (Hindi)

Sulabikhat
Cry Freedom

Al Jeeb
Nair Saheb (Malayalam)

Starring: Mammootty

Ahmed Drive-In
No Hard Feelings



Sanjeev Kumar

PRAYERS

Fajr
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Isha

3.13 am
11.49
3.22 pm
6.49
8.22

Visit to Iligan

IT is an urban centre and industrial hub that amazes, especially since we travelled there by land from bucolic Dipolog. That entailed a 4:30am bus ride — very fast, with a very sure driver, through sleeping coconut groves, and barrios waking to market days. "Stationary," the bus is called when it stops at almost every barrio, "4-stop" when it makes only major stops. And yet our bus did stop when it was flagged down by young vendors taking their goods to the Ozamis market (the scheduled bus had not appeared), which is how we bought a bottle of fresh sea urchins, and carried it all the way to Iligan, protecting it from jolting and jarring.

From Ozamis to Kalambugan by lan-cha, thence to Iligan by very crowded bus (boy porters push your bags through the window, while one buy tickets — not available before hand and the other struggles into the bus to sit where the bags are), dusty and packed, in which everyone is kind and courteous. One first senses Iligan because of the large industrial plants (steel, power, industrial chemicals) — and the lechon. This, everyone said, was special to Iligan: "Didn't you see it Sunday at Tibanga? All those stalls, and huts, and whole families picnicking around lechon?"

Yes we did, and so one of our first explorations was to Bayug, where the Abitago family build their hives around lechon. It started with their father, a lechonero. One pig was turning on a spit when we arrived in mid-morning; another was wrapped and awaiting delivery, but Teresa Abitago, daughter-in-law, told us that 30-40 are roasted on Sundays, and 400 on one single fiesta day, or on Christmas and New Year's days.

The Abitago lechon is made from pigs trucked in every other day from Zamboanga, with a preference for black rather than "piggery" pigs, because the latter have "watery" flesh. They are stuffed with tanglad (lemon grass) if the customer so prefers, or rubbed with a flavoring mixture of leeks, red paprika, onions, pepper, salt, and vinegar — the proportion depending on the size of the pig, and on Mother Abitago's experienced timpla. They are browned/basted with water and brown sugar, or with Coke, when in a rush. Orders come with all the innards, which the customer may have as is, or made into sampaya (dinuguan) or paklai, which they identify simply as "sampaya without the blood." Lechon sells for P75 a kilo, and Iliganans do not eat it with salsa (although this may be made to order), but with vinegar, toyo, and sili.

The 20-year-old business has seat the

children to school, and now employs most of the family, even the small children, who work (basting, turning the spit) on a voluntary (and salaried) basis. Mr Abitago himself has moved to California, having been born in Hawaii, the son of a sacada.

Another successful enterprise Iligan is proud of is Chedig's Peanuts — dry-roasted, greasless, shelled (P88 per ganta), made by Isidra Amsing and sold at her store on Sabyle Street (tel. 21054). This simple product, recipe "from a Chinese book," is made of peanuts bought in Marawi and Cotabato (none in Iligan), pan-roasted in water and salt by a secret process, and has won National Cottage Industry and other awards. It is marketed at Iligan and Cagayan de Oro supermarkets, and considered one of the "musts" of Iligan.

The two markets of Iligan, one called the "supermarket" and the other the "mercado," yield everything from wonderful bananas to roses and other cut flowers, from bundles of pako (all year round) to umpteen varieties of fish (they supply Marawi City) — from giant yellow-fin tuna to pin-sized siyag-siyagan.

One-fourth kilo of the latter taken back to the Iligan Village Hotel made for a memorable breakfast. Surrendering this and our treasured bottle of sea urchins to the hotel cook, we got both back kinilaw, plus siyag-siyagan fritters and a sea urchin omelet — beside the flowering orchids of hotel owners Ms Libron, with the sunlight streaming onto our breakfast-from-the-sea. Could one ask more of an Iligan morning?

Because of its big-city status (29,000 population), there are quite a number of restaurants in Iligan, all of them serving varieties of kinilaw, which seems to be the Visayas-Mindanao signature dish. This is especially interesting at the Coconut Palace (Badeiles St., tel. 21723, beside the museum and the Lanao Regional Trial Court), which has both a fish (tanguigne) and a wild boar kinilaw — skin and lean (not much fat on a wild animal) boiled and mixed with vinegar, onions, ginger and peppers. There is also wild boar steak, adobo, and sinugba (great, gamey flavour), attesting to the availability of game. The owner, Rene del Rosario, in fact has a butcher shop nearby (Golden Glow Homestyle Food Products), which they identify simply as "sampaya without the blood." Lechon sells for P75 a kilo, and Iliganans do not eat it with salsa (although this may be made to order), but with vinegar, toyo, and sili.

The Coconut Palace has a counter, stools like sawed-off tree trunks, and a sand floor downstairs, and a breeze-conditioned balcony-like dining room upstairs, offering mugs of paklai, la-oya or balbawka (oxtail), one of the best apan-

aprofessors) for rent — better than any hotel, attests Johnny Francisco of Fulbright. The house specialities are Mrs Hermoso's homecured and smoked ham (the secret: guava leaves) and tinapa, broiled spareribs, pako with crabs, coconut milk and chili, lasagna, and steaks from Del Monte. Our only meal at Cafe Hermoso was breakfast the day we left, and it was memorable: a perfect papaya, Batangas barako coffee, home-made rolls, fried eggs, tinapa (bacon-ham) and a delicate lasagna. I'm going back.

Patio Alejandra (San Miguel St. 2124) must have the largest and most varied menu in the whole of Iligan, seemingly including everything the Filipino associates with eating out: Filipino, Chinese, Spanish, American, continental, Korean, Japanese, etc. dishes. It lists "shoot to kill" — sinugba-tinola-kinilaw dishes — including sugilaw, a combination of sinugba pork strips and fish kinilaw. Dazzled by the variety, we picked out a fish menu with Spanish rice, and a sizzling beef brisket with vegetables, both quite good.

We also tried the Maranaw restaurants on Cabili Street, but must save that story for another column. The Terrace Restaurant at the Iligan Village Hotel deserves a note too, for its surrounding orchids, waiters helpful beyond the call of duty (they refrigerate our marang, accept our special orders, etc.), and range of food (mainly Chinese-Filipino), including set meals for each day (P40,000) which can be ordered on any day (e.g. "I'll have a Tuesday, and he'll have a Friday").

Friends declare, however, that the best restaurant in town is Cafe Hermoso (Badeiles St., tel. 20809), unique in that it accepts customers only upon reservation. This is the private home of Balanguenos Teresa Umali and Celso E. Hermoso which, after their five children were grown, was set up as a place where their catering customers could dine and meet. Iligan, Mr. Hermoso explains, is a city in which most people do not take guests out to dine, but instead order food in — usually from the Hermosos, who are often guests at parties serving their own food. Now that Cafe Hermoso exists, it is a favourite for private business meetings, especially since it only accepts 50-60 guests maximum, and carefully separates meeting groups in order to safeguard privacy. The decor is gracious. Maranaw with other touches, and there is seminar space as well for 120 — "socialised pricing." Mr. Hermoso laughs, since religious and school groups have even gotten it for free.

There are also two rooms (usually booked by US embassy guests and visiting

professors) for rent — better than any hotel, attests Johnny Francisco of Fulbright. The house specialities are Mrs Hermoso's homecured and smoked ham (the secret: guava leaves) and tinapa, broiled spareribs, pako with crabs, coconut milk and chili, lasagna, and steaks from Del Monte. Our only meal at Cafe Hermoso was breakfast the day we left, and it was memorable: a perfect papaya, Batangas barako coffee, home-made rolls, fried eggs, tinapa (bacon-ham) and a delicate lasagna. I'm going back.

Patio Alejandra (San Miguel St. 2124) must have the largest and most varied menu in the whole of Iligan, seemingly including everything the Filipino associates with eating out: Filipino, Chinese, Spanish, American, continental, Korean, Japanese, etc. dishes. It lists "shoot to kill" — sinugba-tinola-kinilaw dishes — including sugilaw, a combination of sinugba pork strips and fish kinilaw. Dazzled by the variety, we picked out a fish menu with Spanish rice, and a sizzling beef brisket with vegetables, both quite good.

We also tried the Maranaw restaurants on Cabili Street, but must save that story for another column. The Terrace Restaurant at the Iligan Village Hotel deserves a note too, for its surrounding orchids, waiters helpful beyond the call of duty (they refrigerate our marang, accept our special orders, etc.), and range of food (mainly Chinese-Filipino), including set meals for each day (P40,000) which can be ordered on any day (e.g. "I'll have a Tuesday, and he'll have a Friday").

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Iligan is difficult to encapsulate, so large and varied is it. One of our best days was spent at the Iligan Institute of Technology, dialoguing with faculty and students of the English and Social Sciences departments, and sharing their plans and thoughts about food, culture and Iligan which, urban and industrialised, is still small enough and friendly enough to feel like a community of caring people.

BACOLOD CITY: Illegal gambling, particularly "jueteng," no longer exists in this city, mayor Jaime Bugnosen reported.

Bugnosen also reported that the Small Town Lottery (STL) operated by the Diamond Amusement Corp. was suspended last March 4 and the operator's permit was cancelled on May 7.

The mayor believed a report in a local newspaper that he was involved in illegal gambling and that his office personnel were quarrelling over commissions from "jueteng" operators.

He assailed his political enemies for "maliciously peddling lies aimed at promoting their mayoralty ambitions."

Lt. Col. Florencio Fianza, new provincial commander of Benguet, told the mayor in a conference that jueteng and other forms of illegal gambling had been stopped in the city.

Fianza assured the mayor that his command would actively support the drive to permanently rid this tourist city of illegal gambling.

OLONGAPO CITY: A nine-year-old boy shot and killed a man who barged in their house. Capt. Abides reported to Metrodioscom chief Lt Col MacArthur Torres.

Abides said at about 10 am Thursday, the man identified as Rolando Hardin, 24, of block 21, Gordon Heights, this city went to the house of Hector Mangilagan E. Patrimonio, 9, of purok 4, barangay Bareo and asked him (Hector) where his parents were.

When Hector refused to give the whereabouts of his parents, the man cursed him and threatened to shoot him and his two younger sisters. Police said that when the man went to the kitchen to drink, he pulled out his .375 magnum pistol from the waist and left it on a bench.

When he turned his back, Hector took the gun. When he returned from the kitchen, Hector shot him, hitting him three times.

The man died five hours later at Olongapo City General Hospital.

ZAMBALAS: Speaker Ramon Mitra Jr has defended the performance of the House of Representatives in a speech delivered during the joint induction and ball of Zambales Ladies Circle and the League of Barangay Tanods of Zambales held at the People's Park here.

Mitra, who was the inducting officer and guest of honour on invitation of Rep. Pacita Trinidad-Gonzalez, told the more than 5,000 listeners that "Congress works for the welfare of the people, especially the common man."

He narrated his humble beginnings as an orphan in a remote Palawan barrio and how he "foraged for food and farmed to survive having been orphaned at 11 months and left to the care of a poor grandmother."

Mitra assured the people that the "land reform will be realised" because "I am committed to land reform."

He assured the barangay tanods who were organised into a league by Justice Raul Gonzalez that he will work for their benefit — namely, insurance and honoraria — and improved status as law enforcers with the barangays.

"I will work with my wife, Congresswoman Gonzalez, to introduce legislation for added benefits for the tanods and other barangay officials," he said.

Mitridach critics of Congress "who do not know what they are talking about," adding that "only the constituents of the congressmen can properly evaluate the work of their representatives."

He cited the "excellent performance of Congresswoman Gonzalez who has brought many public improvements in her district through hard work, persistence, and dedication for the welfare of her constituents."

The affair was also attended by House Assistant Majority leader Concoy Chavez and Quezon City Councilor Cielito "Mahal" Mendoza.

MANILA: The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) will recruit 8,000 to 13,000 more members of the Citizen Armed Forces Geographical Unit (Cafgu) to boost the anti-insurgency programme of the government.

Defence Undersecretary Eduardo Ermita said the 62,000 Cafgu men recruited last year are not enough to sustain a "consolidation process" in barangays freed by the military from com-

unist hold and influence.

The Cafgu members, serving as territorial forces, stay in barangays liberated by the military from the communist rebels to make sure that former rebel-infested areas will not fall again into the hands of rebels.

In some provinces, such as Samar, Leyte, and Nusaya Vizcaya, the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army (CPP-NPA) has established its shadow government.

Ermita said the Cafgu specifically take part in the "total approach strategy" which calls for the clearing, holding, and consolidating of barangays taken by the CPP-NPA.

The Cafgu come in the holding and consolidating phases of the military's "liberation" programme, Ermita said.

"We want to make sure rebels will not have a chance to go back to their bases and camps as the Cafgu can actively conduct surveillance and information gathering work for the military," he added.

The AFP trains a Cafgu member for two months before he is assigned to the place where he lives. A member gets P940 monthly subsistence allowance, a gun, and free uniform once he passes military training.

CAVITE: The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) expanded its search operations for the remaining four missing crewmen of the MV Virgen de la Paz which sank last week off Cavite.

Commodore Carlos Agustin PCG commanding, dispatched a team of divers to San Nicolas Shoals where the ship sank and conducted a search operations around Corregidor Island.

The MV Nen Jiang, a Chinese-registered ship, hit the MV Virgen de la Paz while on its way to Cebu. Twenty-one crewmen of the ship were rescued by the PCG team in Cavite.

A PCG helicopter was flown over San Nicolas Shoals to survey the area where the ship sank. A PCG patrol craft scoured Manila Bay.

A team of PCG divers led by Lieut. Fernando del Rosario also located the wreckage of the MV Virgen de la Paz but found no body of crewmen in the sunken ship.

SAN FERNANDO: Law Union: Some lawmakers from Ilocos region warned that they will work for the ouster of regional directors who will stage regional conference on the "implementation" of development projects in the countryside.

Led by Rep. Jose de Venecia (Pangasinan), the congressmen took turns in criticising some senior regional officers for either coming late or not attending the First Regional Development Assembly (RDA) which aims to discuss the budget needed for infrastructure projects in the provinces of Pangasinan, La Union, Ilocos Sur, and Ilocos Norte.

De Venecia said that it was disgusting to note that many of the regional directors failed to join the budget deliberation which, he said, was very important in the formulation of strategies for the effective delivery of basic services to the people in the rural areas.

Rep. Victor Ortega (La Union) expressed similar sentiments, saying "this failure to attend the meeting should not be tolerated."

LAOAG CITY: Dried marijuana leaves worth P3 million were seized by the Coast Guard in Gaang, Cimmao, Ilocos Norte, last Wednesday in 16 boxes with the words "DHL Worldwide Services," the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) said.

The boxes were dumped into the sea by an unidentified vessel when it was chased by the Coast Guard under Lieut. Raul Briccio. The vessel fled towards the South China Sea.

The boxes, which floated on water, were recovered by the Coast Guard men. The incident happened while 12 Taiwanese businessmen, accompanied by Rep. Roque Abian Jr of Ilocos Norte, were touring the place.

BATANGAS CITY: A total of P49,220,230 was collected by Revenue District Office, No. 38 here during the first quarter of 1990, exceeding by 23.25 per cent its tax goal of P46,610,000 for the period.

Revenue District Office Agumaldo Miravalle said the first quarter collection posted an increase of P24,384,429 or 58.11 per cent compared to the collection during the same period last year. Miravalle and assistant RDO Crescencio Yasona said last April, the district also posted a big tax collection increase. Total collection last April was P38,592,230, exceeding by P13,332,230 or 34.55 per cent its goal of P25,260,000 for the period.

Compared to the collection for the same period last year, the increase was P17,877,447 or 36.30 per cent.

Flowers at the Iligan market.

Leny Alcino

Star of the star: Ninfa Leonardia

TO quote lawyer-journalist Rex G. Remeto, it seems only that Bacolod City's Visayan Daily Star, the very first daily in that city, was born although last April 12, 1990, it had reached its 5th year of survival. Since 1982, the year it was born, it had been beset by doubts from skeptics, crisis and difficulties. That was the time when the sugar-rich province was at its lowest; insurgenza and hunger plagued the province, and there was economic crisis. But the newspaper survived and the credit goes to a certain lady who possessed the guts and the never-say-die spirit of one with the printer's ink in her blood.

The name Ninfa R. Leonardia. A woman every woman aspires to be: A combination of beauty, talent, intelligence and character. That is combination that is hard to beat; a combination that certainly fits her to a T with her position as Editor-in-Chief and President of the Visayan Daily Star.

Having achieved several "firsts" is nothing new to Ninfa. She was the first lady president of the Negros Press Club, twice elected, and that predominantly-made organisation. She was awarded the distinction of being the only lady president of a provincial press club by the National Press Club that year. She was also Vice President of the Federation of Provincial Press Clubs of the Philippines and member of the Committee on Scholarships of the National Press Club in that year.

3. To keep kids cool, make them drink plenty of water, juices and other fluids. Prepare them and keep handy in the refrigerator.

4. Another way to keep the cool is to cut their hair short. If a young girl prefers to have long hair, she should at least tie or clip it.

5. The most essential factor in preventing prickly heat is utmost cleanliness. Enjoin children to take a bath frequently, if necessary three times a day.

6. After bathing, apply liberally a medicated powder, with active ingredients specially to prevent dry and cure prickly heat. Do this every now and then in between baths.

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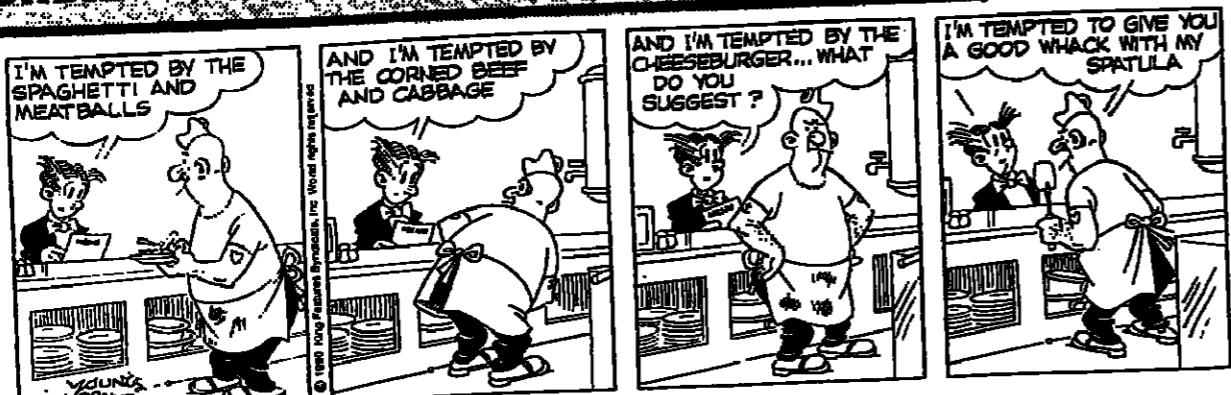


activities during Ninfa's presidency were: the giving out of scholarships to deserving students, the Taal Fund Drive where monetary contributions and relief goods were sent to the victims of the Taal volcano disaster through the club, the holding a journalism workshop for student writers, etc.

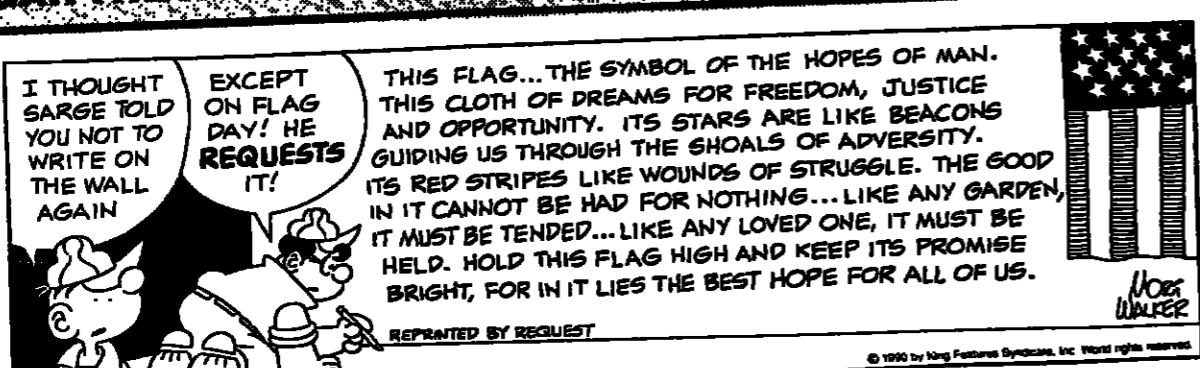
But of course, her crowning glory is her net project. The Visayan Daily Star, commented a colleague: "She's not the hard-boiled kind of female editor who gets mad at the sight of dangling modifers and misspelled words nor does she perceive threats to press freedom set her boiling mad with rage. A rare woman indeed, with a cool calm and collected manner."

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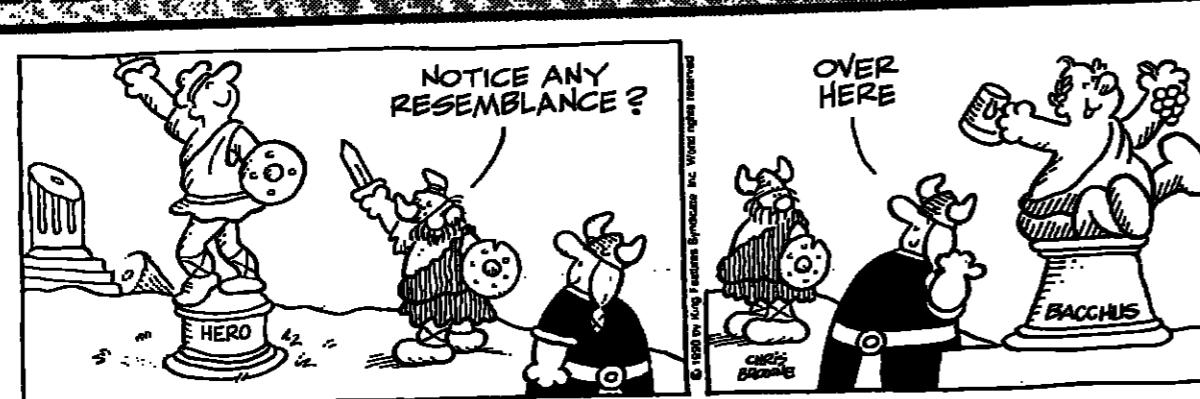
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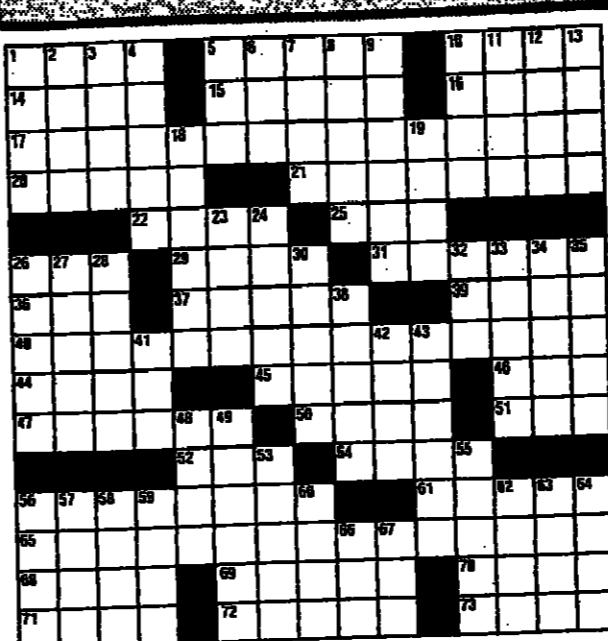
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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

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Radiation technology to protect food

Dispelling misconceptions

By Clare Pedrick

GENEVA (WNL): Hiroshima. Chernobyl ... the words conjure up a deadly cloud of radioactivity killing hundreds of thousands and making the land a forbidden desert for decades or more.

The fear of nuclear energy is rooted deep in people's heart, yet scientists and public health experts alike say that radiation technology can be safely and effectively used to protect the world's food supply. Next to the frozen food section, they argue, supermarkets should have an irradiated food section. Consumers would be able to buy potatoes that don't sprout, strawberries that aren't moldy and, perhaps most important, poultry and eggs with greatly reduced amounts of the toxic salmonella bacteria.

Food that is irradiated is exposed to carefully measured amounts of ionizing radiation, through X-rays, electron bombardment or gamma rays — the same rays that are used in radiotherapy to treat cancer patients.

"People think that the food itself becomes radioactive, but this is a gross misconception," said Dr Morton Satin, chief of the Agricultural Industries Service at the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) in Rome. "The radioactivity passes through, but the only thing that absorbs it is the enzyme that gets destroyed. In the case of a potato, it's the enzyme that causes it to sprout prematurely. It's the same for meats that contain salmonella."

Food irradiation is not a new idea. Research began back in the 1940s and more than a thousand scientific studies have been completed. After studying the results of some of those studies, experts at the FAO and the World Health Organization (WHO) say that the technique is not only safe but that it should be positively encouraged as a way of treating certain foods to wipe out two serious threats like food spoilage and food-borne, potentially fatal, illness.

In spite of such endorsements, the issue remains a controversial one. So far, no country has begun irradiating food on anything like a wide commercial scale. In the developing world, governments have given the go-ahead in Bangladesh, India, Thailand, Brazil, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay. The Soviet Union and several Eastern European states are also using the process to treat some foodstuffs. But among the Western industrialized nations there has been a widespread reluctance to introduce the technology.

France is the most advanced, using irradiation to decontaminate chicken used in the food-processing industry. The United States has authorized irradiation



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for poultry, fruits, vegetables, pork, wheat and herbs and spices, but advocates of irradiated foods have met strong consumer resistance. Australia, New Zealand, Britain, Switzerland, West Germany and Sweden have banned irradiation of domestically produced foodstuffs and will not import irradiated products.

At the WHO headquarters in Geneva, Dr Fritz Käferstein, manager of the Food Safety Unit, blames the resistance on the emotionalism of an inadequately informed public. "People have very deep-seated fears when it comes to nuclear power, and research shows it all goes back to Hiroshima," he said. "Chernobyl reconfirmed many people's opinions that you cannot trust this type of technology. In fact, food irradiation has nothing, but nothing, to do with Chernobyl, but this distinction is not made."

"We are satisfied it is safe," he continued. "We have done our homework and we are concerned that this technology is being rejected out of hand, regardless of the enormous benefits it could bring to mankind."

One of the most dramatic applications of food irradiation, proponents argue, is in preventing food-borne diseases that kill thousands of people each year in developing and developed countries alike, as well as costing millions of dollars in medical bills and loss of worktime. In a recent joint report the FAO and the WHO stated that illness caused by contaminated food is perhaps the most widespread health problem in modern-day society.

Those in favour of irradiation claim that it kills contaminants in foodstuffs, thus making products safer for public consumption. "In almost all industrialized countries poultry meat is up to 100 per cent contaminated with salmonella," said Dr Käferstein. "Of course, we do not eat raw chicken, but we have to handle it, season it, use a knife to cut it. Consumers are not microbiologists and do not realize how easy it is to cross-contaminate other foods that will not be cooked. If one bacterial cell reaches a piece of food, then in half a day it will multiply into 10 million cells. That's when you get food poisoning, and in the case of the old, the very young and people who are already ill, it can kill."

Eggs are another major risk area. A salmonella strain has found its way into the egg-laying flocks of many industrialized nations during the past few years. In the United Kingdom almost 100 per cent of the eggs are contaminated. Dr Käferstein says that irradiating the eggs would eliminate the bacteria.

In developing countries irradiation could help reduce food shortages by reducing the amount of spoilage. According to the FAO, between one quarter and one third of the world's entire food production is lost to pests, fungus and bacteria. In tropical countries, where high temperatures and high humidity create special problems in storing food, the figure may be 50 per cent or higher. China alone loses 80 million tonnes of grain each year in post-harvest spoilage.

"Just think of the impact food irradiation could have on helping a country like China, which has one billion mouths to feed," said Dr Käferstein. "It's a technology that could also help developing countries expand their export markets and increase their earning possibilities," he added. "Food irradiation prolongs shelf-life, so it would enable countries producing tropical fruits and vegetables to reduce their losses and perhaps choose a cheaper method of transport. Pineapples, mangoes and papaya from West Africa and South America could be transported by boat instead of being flown in. It would also mean that customers in the receiving countries would have these products at a lower price."

Food experts also point out that irradiation would benefit tropical countries whose food exports are currently banned by some industrialized nations because of suspected contamination. "Prawns produced in tropical climates are quite frequently contaminated with bacteria such as salmonella," said Dr Käferstein. "If the prawns were irradiated, countries like Bangladesh and Thailand could export far more. Of course, the rich importing countries have got to accept food irradiation before they can expect the developing countries to commit themselves to the investment."

Food irradiation is certainly an expensive business, at least in the initial stages. But studies by officials from FAO, WHO and the International Atomic Energy Association say the high costs would be more than offset by the savings from reduced losses and spoilage of foodstuffs.

All three organizations stress the need for adequate training of personnel and strict controls on the use of irradiation equipment. "There are plenty of developing countries, such as India, China, Malaysia, Thailand and Brazil, which are very well organized and would be perfectly capable of dealing with technologies like this," said Dr Käferstein. "There are others, especially those caught up in the middle of civil wars, where I would hesitate to suggest any kind of sophisticated technology."

Opponents of irradiation, led by a British consumer group, the London Food Commission, complain that the process could be used to mask the quality of food that is already past its prime and that consumers would have no guarantee that the product they are buying has been treated.

The London group also claims that irradiation causes vitamin losses. True, says Dr Käferstein, but so does every other form of food preservation and storage — and potatoes that have begun to sprout have virtually no vitamins left at all.



Stephen North as gullible young fireman Colin Parish.

London's Burning

And the reluctant fireman panics

By Laura Zackon

AS SMOKE billowed out of the old people's home, firemen hustled about ... running out hoses and checking to see whether anyone was still inside. Angry, they kept brushing past the fresh-faced youngster in the brand-new uniform who didn't appear to know his hip from his hydrant.

It was only when the blaze was doused that the reluctant firefighter was able to introduce himself. He was actor Stephen North, wide-eyed recruit to the hit TV series *London's Burning*.

Stephen, who plays 19-year-old green recruit Colin Paris, told me: "All of us on the show do two weeks training with the Fire Brigade and then go out to an actual station for two night shifts."

"I was at Peckham, in South East London, when the alarm bell sounded. We raced over to the old folks home, where there was a blazing fire in one of the sitting rooms.

"The lads set to work with their usual efficiency. But, for me, it was quite scary. I was in my fire gear and looked just like the real thing. I was afraid people would think, 'What's he doing just standing around?'

"For a moment, I was expecting a real firefighter to grab hold of me and push me into the smoke and flames. You see, men from different stations often attend the same fire, and they wouldn't recognise everyone there. So they could easily have taken me for a Peckham firefighter."

"I was privileged to be at the fire anyway. The station officer had taken me along on the call out of the kindness of his heart, so that I could see some real-life action."

"After my stint with the brigade, I can tell you very definitely that one of the last things I want to be is a firefighter. It's not only the danger, but the really tough and academic training course they have to do."

"In the series I play a greener-than-green recruit who is constantly bewildered by what is happening around him. And, when I went to the fire brigade's training centre in Southwark, South East London, I saw plenty of lads just like Colin."

Stephen, who is really 25, went on: "So many of them have this real fixation about joining the brigade. Most of them have wanted to be a firefighter for years, and it takes them a year to get in after they first apply."

"These men consider it a great honour to be accepted for training as a firefighter. It's a very hard course, which lasts for 20 weeks. It isn't all running up and down ladders, either. Recruits have to do loads of academic stuff."

"And they have to learn how every piece of complicated equipment works. You can't be thick if you want to be in the Fire Brigade."

Stephen finds it easy to look like a little boy lost when he is on the set of *London's Burning*. Because it is his first-ever television part.

Relaxing between takes at the show's studio, Stephen told me: "I was amazed when I landed the role of Colin. Before that, my only practical experience of acting had been touring schools with a group who acted out a little play explaining the evils of drinking and driving."

"I got the part because the show's casting director had seen me in the graduation play at Guildford Drama School in Surrey. A year later, when this part came up, she remembered me and gave me a ring."

"I went to do a reading for her and landed the part straight away. As a raw beginner, I know how recruit Colin must feel."

"The worst moment was when I did a scene where I had to break down and cry. In the theatre, you would be doing it every night. And, some nights, the tears would come and, on other nights, they might not. And if you can't cry properly, you can't always fake it."

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"So I became very aware of what I was doing. I used to tense up quite a lot and worry that my face was twitching. Whenever the director said, 'Close up on Steve,' I'd panic."

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'London's Burning' newcomer Stephen North on the set of the hit TV show.

Give your pet a dog's life

Frances Hubbard talks to TV vet Bruce Fogle to explain the basic rules of what can be an 'ideally matched double act'

"The dog is a pack animal, as we are. He likes strong leadership in the same sense as we admire powerful authority figures. And he keeps his youthful playfulness throughout life."

"That's why even old dogs love to gambol about and fetch sticks, and why we love to oblige by throwing them. It's perfect partnership."

"Also, both humans and dogs are social species. There's no effective difference between a man going to the pub to meet his mates and a dog going to the park to sniff his friends' bottoms. Each is making social contact in his own way."

"Another reason dogs have done well as pets in their ability to adapt to almost any lifestyle. They'll happily sleep by the campfire or on the sofa. And they're as eager to eat tinned food as they are to tear the flesh off a rabbit. Dogs are great opportunists."

"But some dogs adjust too easily to the good life. Fat, cosseted poodles and pugs are more than just cartoon clichés. They exist — though not fault of their own — as the spoiled darlings of besotted owners."

Many people treat their animals as favourite surrogate children, rewarding them with tit-bits every time they perform a trick or look appealing.

"Overweight dogs are usually a man-made problem," said Bruce. "I have to convince the owners it's his own fault if Rover is tubby. After all, no dog gets fat unless it's overfed and no dog gets overfed unless it's given too much to eat."

"Yet people can be very huffy if I suggest cutting back on their dog's choccie drops. They think I'm a killjoy who wants to deprive their pet of a harmless pleasure, or that I'm criticising their way of life."

"I think there's a strong case for all vets taking a course in human psychology, just to help them understand owners — and how their behaviour affects pets!"

Every week, Bruce sees bemused people who bring in canine delinquents they bought six months earlier as docile puppies. Many owners are unprepared for the reality of living with their animals.

"Some people have a Walt Disney image of dogs," he said. "Then they're horrified when their lovely, fluffy pets want to roll in horse manure or do various other disgusting things Disney never mentioned."

"I'm not saying we shouldn't form close emotional attachments to our dogs, just emphasising that they're a different species



Some owners forget their pets are dogs and not another person. This pooch has his own throne in his own palace.

and we can't expect them to behave in the same way we do."

"For example, if a dog wants to eat rabbit droppings, that is perfectly natural behaviour to him. A dog is essentially a scavenger who has to find nourishment where he can. It's a throwback to his wolf ancestry."

"It is wrong to judge dogs according to human standards of good taste, it is also wrong to assume they have human emotions such as jealousy, fear or loneliness."

"Well, I tend to do it myself," admitted Bruce. "It's pretty well documented that dogs do get jealous — of people who distract their master's attention, and of other dogs. I think they can be sad."

"I see nothing wrong with projecting those sort of feelings on to your dog if it helps you to identify with him. The danger is when we forget that dogs are, in fact, dogs and not people."

"I mean, you can't just say your Dobermann is a bit grumpy this morning and leave it at that. A 'grumpy' Dobermann is a bit grumpy this morning and leaves towards dominant sexual behaviour and improves their chances of breeding."

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Who are you calling dog-breath? Dr Bruce Fogle and Edwin the boxer, a family friend, exchange pleasantries.

Python star Terry Jones' idea of hell

'Just be funny'

By Laura Zackon

WHAT does it take to intimidate a man who has conquered the world as a member of the Monty Python team and directed a hit movie like *Personal Services*? The answer — a bunch of schoolkids!

"It's true," says Terry Jones, quaking at the memory. "My most frightening experience was going to a meeting of a school's film club. I was expecting a small group sitting around a table but, when I arrived, I found a theatre full of kids and it turned into a performance."

"I had to tell them the story of my life, a situation I wouldn't normally allow myself to get into. I was terrified!"

He doesn't mind facing a clutch of Hollywood moguls to raise money for a new film but the comedy actor-director hates just "being himself" in public.

"People quickly find they are mistaken when they expect me to be a funny person," he told me. "The worst thing is when I'm invited to a 'do' and told, 'oh, you don't have to do anything — just come along and be funny!'

Perhaps that's why he spends so much time alone writing poetry. His latest collection, *The Curse of the Vampire's Socks* (Puffin Books £2.50), has just been published. It contains such Pythonesque items as *The Grumble-Wheeler Tree*, *The Sewer Kangaroo* and *A New Attempt on the World Rhyming Championship Record*.

Sipping a glass of white wine in the garden of his elegant London home, Terry told me: "I wish I knew where the ideas for these poems came from. It would be a lot easier for me to write them if I did know."

"But on the other hand, I have this fear that if I did ever find out where I got inspiration from, things might become a little predictable. So I think I'm almost afraid of discovering the reasons behind it all."

"Poetry was my first love. From the age of six I was convinced I was going to be a poet. But it was a bit serious in those days. The first poem I ever wrote was called *Prairie Fires*, when I was six-and-a-half. It was, as the title suggests, all about fires on the prairie. Gawd knows why!"

Many of the poems in his collection have an ecological message but Terry plays let that down. "It makes it easier to write if there's a subject behind it, rather than just being about nothing," he said dismissively.

"But it's like anything you do your own preoccupation come out. I wasn't setting out to write a Green book, but the poems just reflect what was on my mind."

"I pay my subscriptions to Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth. But I don't go to meetings. I suppose I should but life's too short for all that."

Terry is a cult figure with film buffs because he directed *The Life of Brian* and his most recent movie, *Erik the Viking*, was passed by the critics and failed to make any impression at the box office.

"It's a curious thing about that film," he said. "In a few years' time, people will look at it and think it's a classic. Obviously I was baffled and annoyed that the British critics didn't like it."

"We had already had a couple of screenings before the critics saw it and those showings were great. The audiences were cheering and clapping all the way through."

"But then we had a critics' showing. I arrived at the cinema and the film has already been going for about 20 minutes."

"It was the scene where the hero of the film was saying goodbye to all the women of his village, who were all crying. And every time he said something, the women cried even more. It's a funny little scene and I think it plays fine."

"But I walked into the screening room and it was like an icebox. There was absolute hostility. If I had nothing to do with the film and had seen it for the first time with that audience, I would have hated it. Nothing was working."

"*Erik the Viking* is basically a children's film, a fairytale. But I think a lot of people, particularly those critics, went to see it expecting it to be a Python movie, especially because John Cleese is in it.

"With Python, we were saying, 'Don't suspect your disbelief at any point. Remain critical and see what we're getting at.'

"But *Erik the Viking* is a fairytale and, of course, you have to suspend your disbelief in order to go along with the fantasy. The critics weren't doing that and were obviously trying to figure out what I was trying to say. They were thinking about it too much."

Terry, who originally wrote *The Saga of Erik the Viking* for his son Bill, says he loves what he does so much he can't tell the difference between work and play.

"I know it doesn't seem like I get any spare but in a way it's difficult to divide it. I enjoy what I'm doing, so it doesn't feel like work. I think I'm wonderfully lucky."

"I always wanted to write and act and I never had any desire to do anything else. I came to the end of my time at grammar school and the only possibility I could see for me to do the things I liked was to teach. I went up to university reconciled to becoming a teacher."

"Then one afternoon I remember getting very agitated about something somebody had written about something else had written about the poet Milton."

"I suddenly thought, 'Why are we all getting so angry about this? I really don't want to be writing about other people's work. I'd rather be producing the stuff in the first place!'

So how did Terry the writer and performer become a film director? "I started directing because Mike Palin and I became used to writing stuff that wouldn't end up as we'd imagined it," he said.

"Eventually we realised it was important to have control over all the different stages of production."

"And now I think I would get very bored if I was just acting in something. When I did *Personal Services*, I became a bit bored because I was only directing it. I still enjoy performing but I'm the only director who offers me a part!"

Terry's wife Alison is a scientist and they have two children, Sally, 16, and Bill, 13.

He said: "I wouldn't have any ambitions for them. It's up to them to have their own. Sally wants to open up a shop. She's very keen on design and wants to sell her creations. And Bill hasn't made up his mind yet."

"But it's wonderful because they're really good friends, they get on so well. Bill's terribly easy-going, hardly ever gets angry and Sally is very funny. They really love each other."

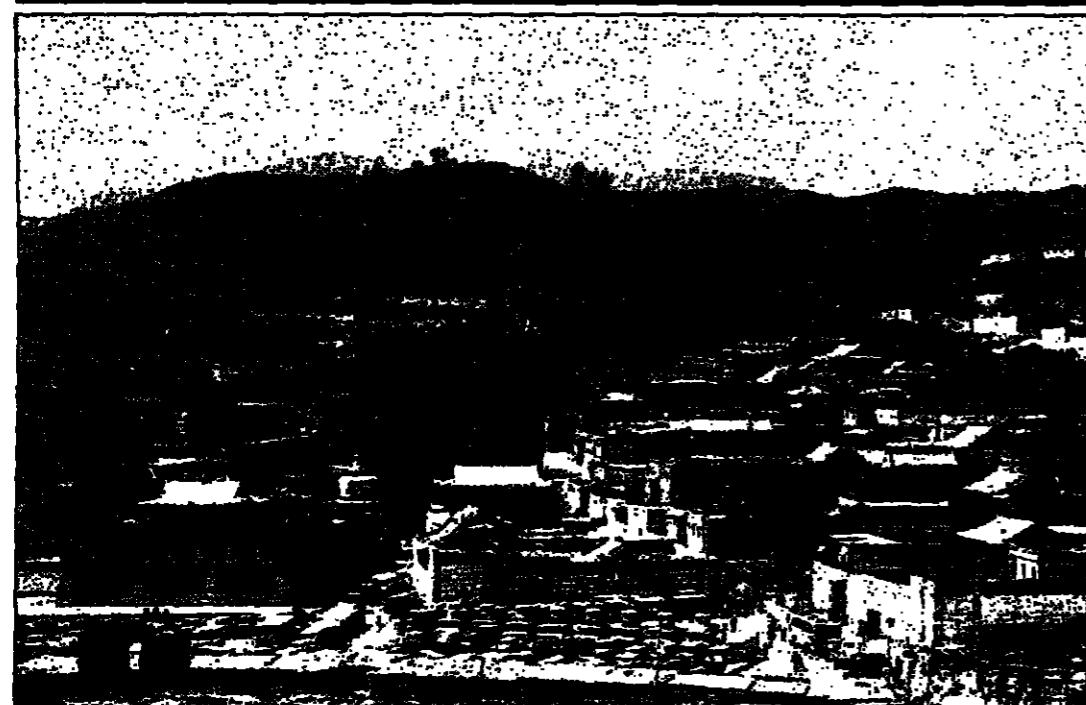
At the moment Terry is working on a new screenplay, *Mirrorman*. He said: "I spent four weeks working on it and then I went off to Japan to promote *Erik the Viking*. The trouble was, I had no ending for *Mirrorman*.

"Now I've come back, I've gone right back to the beginning of it and I'm rewriting the whole thing. It's a comedy about a man whose reflection comes alive. You never know, I might decide in a couple of weeks that I don't like it and that it won't get anywhere."

Terry Jones writer, actor, director, cult figure can afford to change his mind.



Terry Jones, the ex-Python who hates 'being himself' in public.



The famous Ta'er Lamasery in Tibet.

Set reasonable exercise goals, than stick to them

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

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QUESTION: I have never been one with a zest for athletics or exercise, but with the articles about the benefits to be gained from a measure of physical fitness, I've tried to get into it. Although I purchased a home exercise machine and bought all the accepted clothes, I find, that, for a third time, my best intentions have led me nowhere. I want to get this thing going and will try one last time. I hope you may have some advice to help me make this time a success story. How about it?

Answer: If ever I could relate to the problems presented by a reader in a question, this is certainly true of your example. Actually, I think there are more of us than those muscular specimens, or the dedicated marathoners who can overcome the obstacles, and achieve a level of fitness we can only dream about.

But there is help for those who are confirmed couch potatoes, and there is a richness of rewards to be gathered if we can get a few things in order and develop a plan that has merit. In your case, the first step is to reflect on past failures and try to discover what went wrong. Then make a determined effort to change those elements that caused you to abandon your activity, so they don't interfere this time around.

Apparently your equipment wasn't much fun, so this time choose activity that can enjoy. Walking,

roller skating and swimming often can accomplish just as much as a workout as an expensive apparatus, and may be easier for you to complete.

It is essential that you chose a time for exercise that has no or few conflicts with other schedules.

Question: My fingernails have a most peculiar line growing across them from side to side. It looks as though my old nails are being replaced by another nail growing up over them. What caused this condition, and is it something serious that I must now worry about?

Answer: As with most questions like this one, I really wish I could see the condition. However, your description may give me enough to work with. Nail deformities can be caused by many factors, nutritional, infectious and even work. But if you recently suffered a severe illness, I may have the answer for you. In some circumstances, where disease temporarily interferes with nail growth, like a severe infection or heart attack, the nail begins to grow again after a period of no growth, creating the picture you describe. They are called "Beau's lines" and form this peculiar ridge across the nail.

Certainly there is no need for worry or anxiety. As your nails continue to grow, the ridge will be pushed forward and out, and your nails will return to their former look.

Chinese seek tourist earnings Backpackers unwanted

By James Kyng

CHENGDU, China. (Reuters): China will soon relax restrictions on tourism in the Himalayan region of Tibet but budget backpackers, accused of inciting rebellion there in the past, will remain barred, officials say.

Drawn by the recent lifting of martial law in the capital, Lhasa, scores of backpackers on shoestring budgets have begun filling cheap accommodation in this southwestern China city, dubbed by some travellers as "the gateway to the roof of the world."

And even before the new rules have been announced, semi-official travel agents here are assuring tourists of their skills in twisting, bending and circumventing any legislation the central government can throw at them.

"In China there are two types of law — one is the central government's law and the other is the provinces' interpretation of it," said the boss of one semi-official travel agency.

"No, I'm wrong," he continued. "I remember now, there are plenty of laws but only if you have no money."

A senior tourism official in Chengdu, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a rule that only groups of three or more people could travel to Tibet would be scrapped and individuals would soon be allowed to go.

But they would have to be on a package tour with a guide and a strict itinerary, the official said.



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Martial law was imposed in Lhasa on March 8, 1989, after riots for Tibetan independence from China in which police shot dead 50 Tibetans. It was the most serious of several outbreaks of anti-Chinese unrest since 1987.

After the riot, China accused foreigners of inciting rebellion and singled out a Dutch woman accused of smuggling in a banned book by Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama.

China says it has ruled Tibet since the 13th century but many Tibetans and the Dalai Lama, who fled his homeland before an armed Chinese intervention in 1959, dispute this.

The Dalai Lama, still regarded as a god-king by Tibetan Buddhists, was awarded the Nobel peace prize last year for his "non-violent" struggle for Tibetan independence.

About 3,600 tourists visited Tibet in 1989, a sharp drop from the peak year of 1987 when 43,000, 65 per cent of them budget backpackers, journeyed to one of the most remote parts of the world.

This year tourist authorities are hoping that 12,000 guests will pay an officially recommended price of \$800 for a four-day, three-night stay in Lhasa.

"We want fewer but higher-paying guests than before," said the tourist official. "The backpackers spend almost nothing, stay for a long time and stir up the Tibetans against us. We definitely do not want them."

Tibet is portrayed in tourist literature as a "land of snows" where foreigners may witness Buddhist monks spinning prayer wheels or intoning ancient scriptures in the quiet recesses of monasteries.

It is also a playground for mountaineers attempting the highest mountains in the world, including Everest.

Many backpackers newly arrived Chengdu said Tibet held an exquisite mystique, derived from its isolation from the world through centuries under the theocratic rule of successive Dalai Lamas, each believed to be a reincarnation of his predecessor.

"The Chinese have raped Tibet," said a backpacker from New York. "The Chinese have no right to stop us going there because Tibet is not China, it is Tibet."

The backpacker, like other budget travellers living in an airless, underground air-raided shelter now converted into the "Black Coffee" Guest House, said he had made for Chengdu when he heard martial law had been lifted.

Workers at several semi-official travel agencies, the China International Travel Service, the Chengdu China Travel Service, Golden Bridge Travel, the China Travel Service and others said the end of martial law would bring them more business.

Some were offering four-day trips to Lhasa for \$700 and one said he would be able to arrange an overland trip by bus from the northwestern city of Xining for backpackers for \$300.

Heart-op girl On her toes

By Faith Mall

THE pretty fair-haired girl in the ballet class looks like any other young dancer, with stars in her eyes. Her long hair is swept up in a top knot and her graceful body moves in time to the music.

But above the neckline of her leotard, a vivid pink scar is visible. The mark which runs along the left side of her body down to her hip is a legacy of a life-saving operation.

Last October brave 10-year-old Amanda Hartley underwent a four-hour operation but her love of ballet helped her to recover in record time.

Within three months of the operation, the plucky young star was up and about and taking some very important ballet exams.

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SPORTS

Cameroon can play even better at World Cup, says coach

FASANO, Italy, June 16. (Reuter): Cameroon's Soviet-born manager Valery Nepomniachy believes the world has yet to see the best of his giant-killing side.

"After the Argentina match I thought we had more to give. After Romania I'm convinced we have

more to give," Nepomniachy said yesterday.

Cameroon have turned the World Cup upside down with the unlikely blend of a Soviet manager plucked from obscurity, a 38-year-old in semi-retirement and maybe even a little witchcraft.

"Half our players did not play as

well as they can," Nepomniachy said as the team relaxed at their hilltop retreat in the southern Italian town of Fasano.

"If we go further, we'll try to find a way to play just as well again... if we get to the final, I won't complain."

The 'Lions', who have never lost at

the World Cup finals, have struck a huge blow for soccer in Africa and for the underdog — forcing one London bookmaker to slash the odds against them winning the Cup to 25-1.

"They drew all their matches in their only other World Cup appearance in Spain in 1982, going out because they

scored fewer goals than Italy."

"It's a great injustice that only two African teams can play at this World Cup," Nepomniachy said. "I think Africa has not yet reached its peak but it's well on the way."

Nepomniachy, 46, took over from Frenchman Claude Leroy as

Cameroon coach in November 1988.

From the mostly desert republic of Turkmenia where he coached the regional youth team, Nepomniachy brought a touch of Soviet discipline which included telling players to eat less.

Spain get second chance

UDINE, June 16. (Reuter): Spain and South Korea, both with their backs firmly against the wall, have everything to prove when they meet in their second Group E match tomorrow.

The Spaniards have to demonstrate — above all, to themselves — that a poor showing against Uruguay did not reflect their true potential, while for the Koreans tomorrow's game is make-or-break.

"We want to have any hopes of getting through the first round, we must win the next game at all costs," manager Lee Hoe-Taik said at the South Koreans' new seaside base south of Udine.

Still fuming at the errors which handed Belgium a 2-0 victory in South Korea's opening game, Lee has threatened wholesale changes in his lineup.

Goalkeeper Choi In-Young, whose dash out of his area led to Belgium's first goal, is the obvious candidate to lose his place.

Choi left the pitch in tears and since then has locked himself away in his room in shame, according to reports from the hotel. This is not penance enough. Lee will recall first choice goalkeeper Kim Sung-Joo, taking the risk that Kim's knee injury may not be fully healed.

Replayed

Strikers Choi Soon-Ho and Hwang Seon-Hong, both disappointing against Belgium, could also be replaced as South Korea battle desperately to avoid the same fate as in Mexico four years ago when they were eliminated in the first round.

Tomorrow's match is South Korea's last chance — even a draw is likely to seal their fate — but it also gives Spain a second chance after they escaped with a point despite being outplayed by Uruguay.

"It's clear that we'll do better," said manager Luis Suarez, besieged by accusations that his players are not fit or keen.

"I'm not planning to make major changes, I've no reason to think they're necessary," he added defiantly, denying any lack of fitness and attributing his team's dullness against Uruguay to tension and mental blocks.

"We're going to play better and things will go better. You can't judge everything just on one game."

Team captain Emilio Butragueno — a shadow of his usual predatory self against Uruguay, the ball only rarely being played upfield to him — said Spain would respond to the wave of criticism levelled against them by playing more sharply.

"We've got to get over this (disappointment)," he said. "The World Cup is not over yet."

If Butragueno has his way, it will be over for South Korea tomorrow.

Probable teams:

Spain — Andoni Zubizarreta, Chendo, Manuel Sanchez, Genaro Andujar, Manuel Jimenez, Michel, Francisco Villaroya, Rafael Martin Vasquez, Roberto, Emilio Butragueno, Manolo.

South Korea — Kim Sung-Joo, Park Kyung-Hoon, Gu Sang-Bum, Choi Kang-Hee, Chung Yung-Hwan, Hong Myung-Bo, Noh Soo-Jin, Kim Joo-Sung, Choi Soon-Ho (or Byun Byung-Joo), Lee Young-Jin, Lee Tae-Ho.

Kickoff: Tomorrow, Sunday, 10.00 pm (Kuwait time)

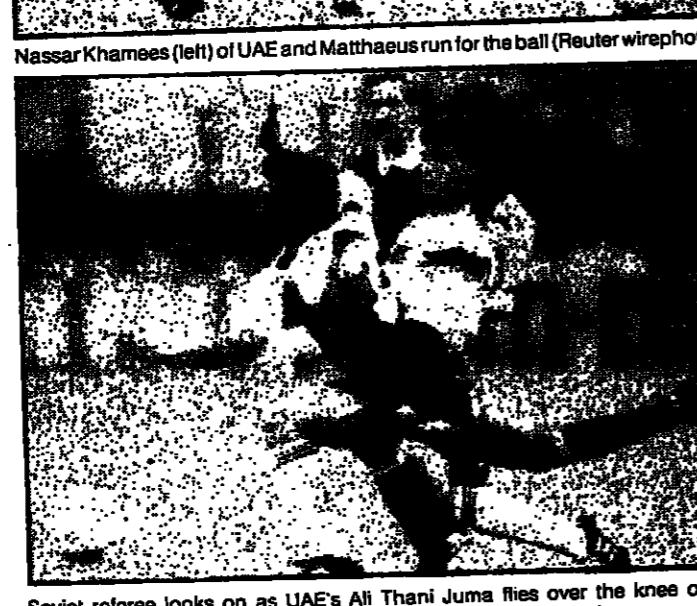
Pumpido can be replaced: Fifa

TRIGORIA, Italy, June 16. (Reuter): Argentina have been given permission to call up another goalkeeper for the World Cup to replace Nery Pumpido who has a broken leg.

But coach Carlos Bilardo has still to decide whether a replacement will be necessary



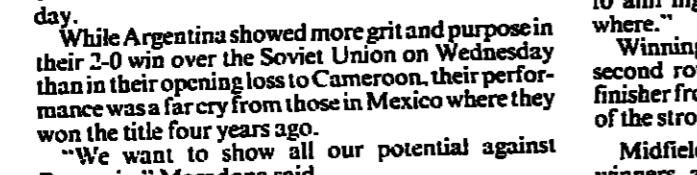
Emirates goalie Mohsin Faraj makes a save (Reuter wirephoto)



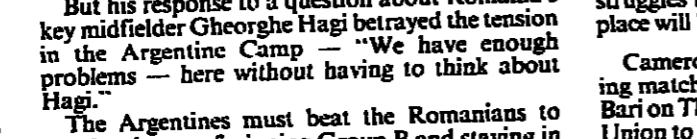
Soviet referee looks on as UAE's Ali Thani Juma flies over the knee of W. Germany's Thomas Berthold. (Reuter wirephoto)



UAE's Hussain Abbas (left) looks on as Rudi Voeller celebrates his 2nd goal. (Reuter wirephoto)



Maradona looks for winning form (Reuter wirephoto)



Argentina captain Diego Maradona will be looking for some signs of World Cup-winning form when the champions take on Romania in their final Group B match on Monday.

While Argentina showed more grit and purpose in their 2-0 win over the Soviet Union on Wednesday than in their opening loss to Cameroon, their performance was a far cry from those in Mexico where they won the title four years ago.

"We want to show all our potential against Romania," Maradona said.

But his response to a question about Romania's key midfielder Gheorghe Hagi betrayed the tension in the Argentine camp — "We have enough problems — here without having to think about Hagi."

The Argentines must beat the Romanians to stand a chance of winning Group B and staying in

Naples, home of Napoli captain Maradona and focus of their Italian support.

"If we don't win we have no chance (of remaining in Naples), Maradona said. "Although, if we want to aim higher we should be prepared to go anywhere."

Winning the group would also be rewarded in the second round with a match against third-place finisher from another group, rather than against one of the stronger sides.

Midfielder Sergio Batista is keen to avoid group winners and runners-up. "A third-placed team struggles through, whereas a team finishing in first place will be rating to go."

Cameroon, who upset Argentina 1-0 in the opening match in Milan and surprised Romania 2-1 in Bari on Thursday, need only to draw with the Soviet Union to send Argentina elsewhere.

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Simpson takes lead at Open

MEDINAH, Illinois, June 16. (Reuters): The monster of Medinah was not to be found again yesterday as a record number of golfers broke par in the second round of the US Open and continued to chase Tim Simpson.

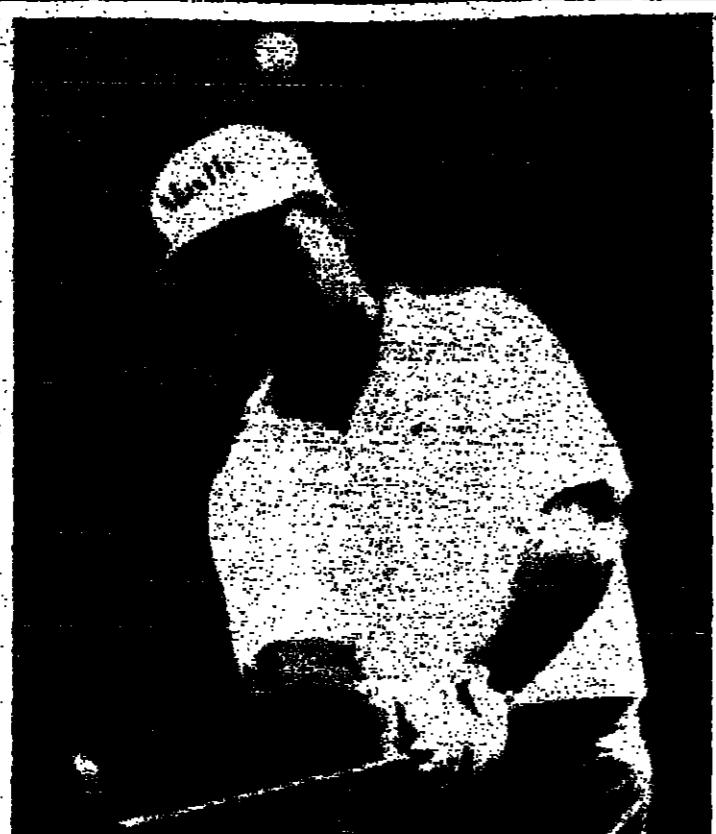
Simpson, who shot a 69 for a one-shot lead over fellow first-round leader Jeff Sluman, was among 47 players to break par-72 on the longest — and some had said the toughest — course in US Open history.

Simpson, whose opening 66 set the course record for Medinah Country Club's 7,195-yard number 3 course, did not let its treacherous trees deter him from staying on top of one of the lowest scoring fields in the history of this major championship.

He drove his ball into the woods on three separate holes but escaped with par each time.

Simpson, whose opening 66 was matched by Sluman and Scott Simpson, said "thank you" several times as he managed to make par from the moves on the 6th, 9th and 11th holes.

Mike Donald, who started the day just one shot behind the leaders, stayed close with a two-under 70 that put him at 137.



Tim Simpson hits a chip shot. (Reuters wirephoto)

Mark Brooks, who was as low as nine-under-par at one point in his round, was alone at 138 after he toured the back nine in two over for a 70.

First-round co-leader Scott Simpson, who stumbled to a 73, and surprising veteran Hale Irwin, who shot 70, were tied at 139.

Ian Woosnam of Britain, who made a strong run at the leaders

before making a triple bogey on the treacherous 17th hole, was at 140 along with John Huston, who matched par. Jim Gallagher, who shot 69, and Billy Ray Brown, who came in with 71.

Scott Simpson, winner of this championship in 1987, got to eight-under but faltered coming in, making five bogeys and two birdies over the last 10 holes.

In brief remarks, the ambassador stressed the importance of KPBL's sports activities, which foster camaraderie and brotherhood amongst the Pinoy expatriates in Kuwait. He lauded the efforts of the KPBL organisers.

The Kaifan Secondary High School Gym was once again filled with basketball enthusiasts as the "Trico/KPBL '90 (Kuwait Pinoy Basketball League '90) 2nd Conference" got off to a rousing start.

Twenty-eight of the record total (32) participating teams in the basketball and darts competitions braved the summer heat and joined the parade of entries which started the day's activities. Present during the opening ceremonies were members of the Philippine embassy, Kuwait, led by Dr Mauyag Mohammad Tamano, (Philippines' ambassador to Kuwait) who gave the inspirational message to all the participants.

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The ambassador also thanked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education and all those who've helped in organising such sports competitions. He wished the KPBL the best in its undertakings and hoped that more sports enthusiasts (Filipinos and other nationalities) will be drawn to this competition.

After the ambassador's speech, the muses of the participating teams were given the opportunity to introduce themselves to the participants and spectators as well.

It was hard for the panel of judges (composed of Dr Mauyag M. Tamano, Minister Counsellor and Consul General Dr Dauday A. Tago, Mohammad Taha Guinoma, Bert Papas, Mr and Mrs Bert Martin, and Chawki E. Barakat) to select the most outstanding of them all. However, Ms Rosalie Austria of the Pizza Italia All Filipino men's team, was unanimously chosen to be the "Best Muse" — Ms Trico/KPBL '90 2nd Conference. Ms Rosalie is a 28-year-old eye-catcher who hails from Quezon City. This lovely lass has been here in Kuwait for almost 5 years and she is an optometrist for the Sherin Optics, Kuwait. A Centro Ecolar University doctor of optometry degree holder, she loves baking and cooking.

This was followed by the selection of the team that had the "best uniform." Clearly, the "Trend Wave basketball team" of Ruben Saldana won the award for their neat white with red, yellow, orange and blue combinations.

Pizza Italia general manager, Chawki E. Barakat, was then presented a "special plaque of recognition" for his continuous support to the "KPBL" and the Filipino community as a whole. He

thankfully accepted the award and promised to continue with what he has achieved.

The oath of sportsmanship was then led by the KPBL commissioner Ed Mateo. This was fol-

Al Wayle win One-Day Cup

KPBL tourney starts



Ms Trico/KPBL with Dr Tamano



Trend Wave, best uniform



Al Wayle/Kellogg game in progress.



Action shot of KRP-Pizza Italia match.



Chawki Barakat (right) receives his special plaque.



All the members of the Al Wayle winning team.



The Muses lined up behind the judges.



Action shot of the KPBL-BES game.

Filcheck tournament to start on Friday

THE first round matches of the single round-robin Inter-Commercial Team Chess Tournament, organised by the Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filcheck), will be held on Friday, June 22, at 9.00 am, at the Kabayan Restaurant.

Each team will compose of four regular players and two alternates. Group A rated players are qualified to play boards 1 and 2 while Group B rated will play boards 3 and 4 with both groups having one alternate each. The tournament will follow the international standard time control, first 40 moves in 2 hours and each succeeding 20 moves in one hour. Defaulting time

is 30 minutes from the official starting time.

Each player is required to

wear their official team

uniform during the games

and to record his moves and

those of his opponents on

the official scoresheet provided

by the club.

A player who

refuses to do so shall be adjudged

loser as per article 10.16 of the Fide laws of chess.

First-round schedule for

Friday, June 22, (White ver-

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Magnolia triumph in opener

AFTER the opening ceremonies held at the Messiah Beach on June 8, the PBAK All Filipino Summer League, this year's version of the annual Palarong Pilipino, rolled off with its opening games on Thursday, June 14, at the Holiday Inn bowling lanes.

This year's edition of this event attracted 9 teams in the men's group while four teams will vie for the crown in the ladies' division.

The format of the League calls for a single round robin in the men to determine the top four teams who will be contesting for the title via the step ladder. In the ladies' side, the four teams play a double round robin and the top two teams will be declared champion and runner-up respectively. Awaiting the winners of this event are handsome trophies plus the gifts courtesy of West Africa Establishment.

Going into Thursday's exciting games, Magnolia affirmed its role as one of the teams to beat as they clobbered Mahabirika Cafe. The Ice-Cream Makers banked on the power bowling dished out by Edwin Nepomuceno who scored 589 in three games. The other leading flavours for Magnolia were Celso Estrada (523) and Bobot Labican (518). For Mahabirika Cafe, Mel Cervantez led his team with 513 followed by Tony Lopez (497) and Ope Olor (490).

In the other match played on Thursday, the Al Rashed Freight movers caught their opponents by surprise as they rolled past Kay and Associates winning 3 games to 1. Team captain Bert Papas (546), Cris (543) and Peping Ilagan (486) carried the scoring load for the Freight Movers while Wille Sabay with 504 and Jos Bilog who garnered a 482 were the top Associates from Kay.

For Friday's games, the results are as follows:

Women's division:
Chiquita, 3 — Far East Rest. 1
The Chiquita Banana Lovers pulled out an upset as they defeated Far East Restaurant. It was a close contest all throughout the match with only a few pins deciding the outcome of the first two games. The Banana Lovers enjoyed a fine performance coming from Lynne Reyes who top scored for her team with 492.

The other members who were equally responsible for the team's victory were, RC, Chit, Nit, Young, Merci and Cecille. For Far East, who started strongly by winning the first game but failed to sustain it as they went down on the second and third games, it was Cecille Valisino (475), Eva (429), Marilyn (423). The other members were Jo, Grace, Cora and Gemma.

Kay and Associates, 4 — Shell Super Plus 0

The Lady Associates debuted with a bang as they went on to blank Shell. Amy Abdon who scored 543 inspired her team mates to give all they've got which resulted in their big win. The other top scorers for Kay were Arleen (478), Beng (472) and Grace (455). For Shell, who failed to find their touch, as they were expected to give their opponent a good fight was led by Babes Penalosa (470) and Vicki Mendoza (452).

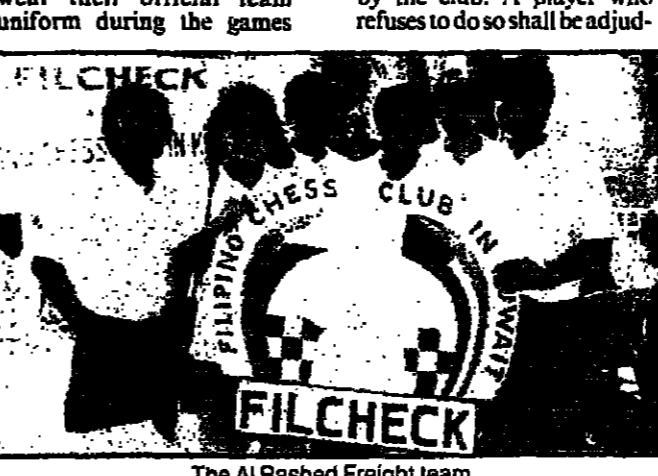
Men's Division:
West Africa Est., 3 — Hatid Ligaya, 1

In a day full of upsets, the West Africans pulled the biggest of them all as they defeated Hatid Ligaya a shocking defeat. With all the odds going against them, the West African mazzege experts rolled strikes one after the other with Milo Coronado (507), followed by Toto (477) and Danny (477). On the other hand, Hatid Ligaya, who failed to get good showings from their best bowlers had Ernie Landrio (505) and Rudy Zabian (479) as the best cargo forwarders.

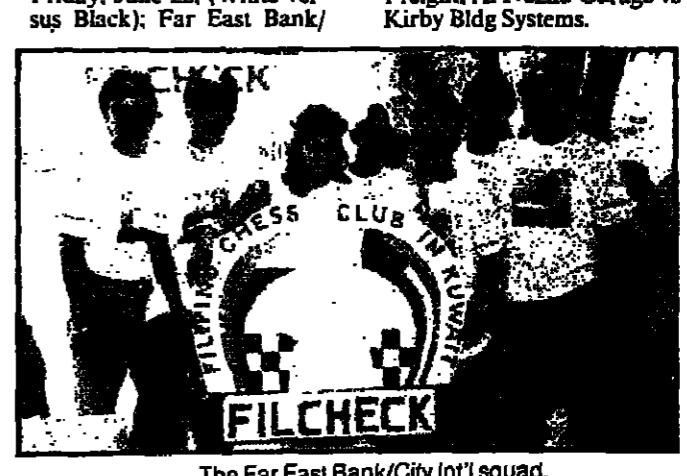
Chiquita, 3 — FRM Design Studio, 1

Title contenders Chiquita lived up to their billing as one of the favourites after they clobbered FRM design. The Banana Magazines was led by Banana King Lando Caburao with 543 with able support from Pete (524) and Wally (501).

The designers were able to get their lone point through the efforts of Caloy Abesamis (496), JVC, Manny, Flor and Louie.



The Al Rashed Freight team.



The Far East Bank/City Int'l squad.

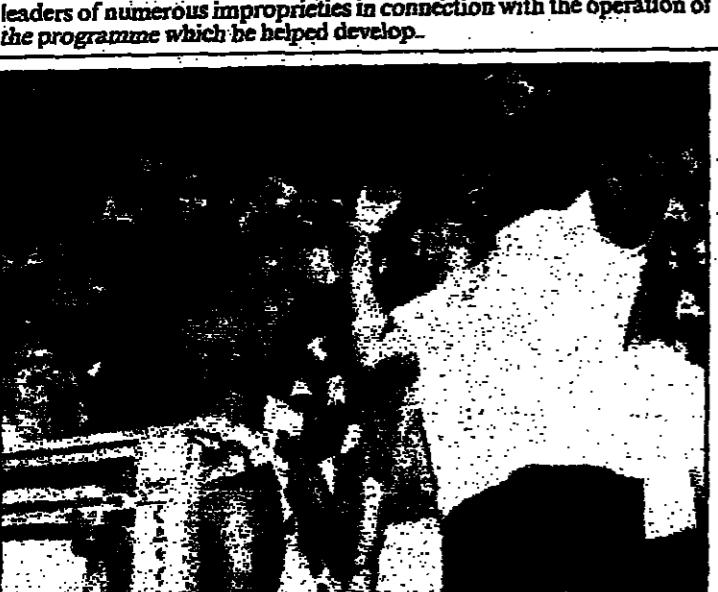
Tyson looks smaller at weigh-in

LAS VEGAS, June 16. (Reuters): A somewhat less bulky looking Mike Tyson weighed-in at 217 pounds (98.4 kg) yesterday for his first fight since Douglas last February.

Tyson weighed 220 pounds (99.8 kg) the night Douglas knocked him out in the 10th round in Tokyo to win the title.

Tyson, at the weigh-in for his scheduled 10-round bout with fellow American Henry Tillman this evening, generally appeared less muscled, particularly around the shoulders and neck, than he has in a long time.

One of his cornermen said that Tyson's neck, although officially put at 19-3/4 inches (50 cm) was really closer to 18 inches (46 cm).



Tyson flexes his muscles while promoter Don King cheers him on. Right: Foreman shows his muscles to the crowd. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Borg creditors

STOCKHOLM, June 16. (Reuter): Swedish creditors will sue former tennis ace Bjorn Borg for failing to pay debts of 10 million crowns (\$1.65 million) from his fallen business empire, a spokeswoman for the liquidators said yesterday. "The creditors have decided to sue Borg because he has broken his promise to pay what he owes," she added.

Long reign

LAS VEGAS, June 16. (AP): James "Buster" Douglas, whose upset of Mike Tyson was arguably the biggest in boxing history, says being the heavyweight champion is nice, but not nice enough to keep him in the ring for an extended period. "I don't see myself having a long reign, only because I don't want one," Douglas told a gathering of reporters yesterday at the Mirage, where he is scheduled to defend the title Sept. 21 against Evander Holyfield.

Early lead

LE MANS, France, June 16. (Reuter): Julian Bailey, chasing the first ever victory by a Japanese constructor in the Le Mans 24 hour sports car race, took an early lead today. The British Nissan driver took advantage of his pole position on the grid to set the early pace, closely followed by a Porsche driven by Oscar Larrauri of Argentina after the start was given some 30 seconds before 1400 GMT.

Waldner triumphs

BALTIMORE, Maryland, June 16. (Reuter): The world's top ranked table tennis player Jan-Ove Waldner of Sweden, saved five match points yesterday to defeat Peter Karlsson of Sweden 19-21, 20-22, 24-22, 22-20, 21-16 in a quarterfinal match at the US Open championships.

Suspension upheld

INDIANAPOLIS, June 16. (Reuter): A three-member drug control review board panel of the Athletics Congress (TAC) upheld a three-month suspension of Olympic long jump bronze medalist Larry Myricks. TAC announced yesterday.

Hockey tourney

AMSTELVEEN, Netherlands, June 16. (Reuter): Results on the first day of the BMW Trophy men's international hockey tournament today: Netherlands beat India 3-1 (halftime 3-1). Scorers: Netherlands — Eric Parlevliet (2), Marc Delissen, India — Ram Prakash Singh. Pakistan beat Spain 4-1 (halftime 1-1). Scorers: Pakistan — Mehmood Hussain, M. Ibrahim, Q.M.U. Rehman, Tahir Zaman. Spain — Jose Vasas.

Hadlee's knighthood posing a problem

LONDON, June 16. (Reuter): The award of a knighthood to Richard Hadlee is posing cricket authorities at Lord's with a problem — how to list the great man on their scorecards.

The New Zealand all-rounder is the first cricketer to be awarded the honour while still active as a player and Marylebone Cricket Club spokesman John Smith admitted Hadlee's award had caught the club unaware.

"This is a baffler," he said. "But remembering that titles were used in gentlemen versus players matches of yesteryear, I suppose there is every chance of Richard being listed on our scorecards as Sir R.J. Hadlee."

Egypt aim for upset win over Ireland in second match

PALERMO, Sicily, June 16. (AP): Egypt is aiming for an upset of Ireland tomorrow, hoping to continue the World Cup pattern of surprises started by another African team, Cameroon.

Egypt surprised the heavily favoured Netherlands in its opening Group F match, playing the Dutch to a 1-1 draw.

Ireland also drew 1-1 with England in their first match of the month long tournament.

Egypt would like to pull off an upset tomorrow, duplicating the feat of Cameroon, which stunned Argentina 1-0 and Romania 2-1 to guarantee it will advance to the World Cup's second

round.

"African soccer is undoubtedly growing as a whole," says Egyptian coach Mahmoud El Gohary. "But we are growing, too, and even our adversaries represent the best of West European soccer, we have a duty to think of advancing to the second

round."

To win, Egypt will need a strong game from its only two fully professional players: Hossan Hassan, a 23-year-old forward with impressive speed and technique, and Magdi Abdel-Ghani, 30, an attacking midfielder who scored Egypt's goal against the Neth-

erlands.

Hassan has signed a contract to play for top Greek club Paok Salonika next season. Abdel-Ghani plays for Portugal's First Division team, Beira Mar.

Most of the other members of the Egyptian squad play in the North African country's First Division, but

the League is only part time. Egypt's making its first World Cup appearance since 1934.

El-Gohary, however, is a former army colonel who has given the team confidence and discipline.

Kickoff: Sunday, 6 pm (Kuwait time).

Brazil reach 2nd round

Muller gets only goal of match



Costa Rica's Luis Gabelo Conejo kneels in prayer to seek God's help to stop the Brazilians. (Reuter wirephoto)

TURIN, June 16. (Reuter): Three times champions Brazil reached the last 16 of the World Cup today after besieging the Costa Rica goal for 90 minutes for a paltry 1-0 reward.

The solitary goal came after 33 minutes when Muller gave keeper Luis Gabelo Conejo no chance with a powerful shot from just inside the penalty area.

Costa Rican defender Mauricio Montero deflected the ball in though the shot was a winner from the second it left the Torino striker's boot.

A mixture of bad luck, poor finishing and brilliance by Conejo and his defence kept the score down though most of the 58,000 crowd went home convinced Brazil should have scored at least five.

Brazil's whirlwind start forced a Costa Rican defender to head against the bar after only two minutes while Muller saw his header bounce up from the ground and against the bar 12 minutes after the interval.

Standings in World Cup first-round play after today's matches (tabulate under matches played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):					
Group A					
Czechoslovakia	2	2	0	0	6
Italy	2	2	0	0	4
Austria	2	0	0	2	0
United States	2	0	0	2	0
Group B					
Cameroon	2	2	0	0	3
Romania	2	1	0	1	2
Argentina	2	1	0	1	2
Soviet Union	2	0	0	2	0
Group C					
Brazil	2	2	0	0	3
Costa Rica	2	1	0	1	2
Sweden	1	0	0	1	2
Scotland	1	0	0	1	0
Group D					
West Germany	2	2	0	0	9
Colombia	2	1	0	1	2
Yugoslavia	2	1	0	1	2
UAE	2	0	0	2	1
Group E					
Belgium	1	0	0	0	2
Uruguay	1	0	1	0	2
Spain	1	0	0	1	0
South Korea	1	0	0	1	0
Group F					
England	1	0	1	0	1
Ireland	1	0	1	0	1
Netherlands	1	0	1	0	1
Egypt	1	0	1	0	1

NOTE: Result of Eng and Netherlands match not included



Soccer violence

Italian policemen wielding batons chase an England soccer-fan after violence broke out between fans and police before the England-Holland match. (Reuter wirephoto)

Lendl, Becker in final

LONDON, June 16. (Reuter): Ivan Lendl earned a title match against Boris Becker by crushing John McEnroe 6-2, 6-4 in the London Grass Court Tennis Championships today, but McEnroe was not defeated and was lavish in praise for his conqueror.

"If I'm getting my butt kicked like I was today I would like to make light of it," the tempestuous 31-year-old American said after his semifinal defeat by Lendl. "There is no sense getting angry. That just makes it worse."

"He outplayed me on serve. He moved well, he returned well and I never really hurt him," McEnroe added. "His confidence is high and he is going for his shots."

"But it will be interesting to see how he copes when the going gets tougher," he said.

Becker, meanwhile, seized the psychological initiative over Stefan Edberg in their buildup for Wimbledon, where they have clashed in the last two finals, by beating the Swede 6-4, 6-4 in the other semifinal.

Lendl's power carried him past McEnroe as the big world number one hammered home 11 aces and many more service winners. Three aces came in four points in the eighth game of the second set when McEnroe led 15-40 in a bid to get back to 4-4.

McEnroe seemed determined to throw him another ball for the serve, he smiled and said: "I know I don't deserve them — but please."

But he still demanded that an official be removed during the first set — a move which was granted. "It was to keep things running smoothly and keep everything low-key," Grand Prix supervisor Gayle Bradshaw said.

That upset Lendl. "It was the same old thing. They shouldn't change the officials but now they will have to do it every time. I think they've put their foot in it."

McEnroe, who has won Wimbledon three times, indicated that tournament, which begins on June 25, will come too soon for him this year.

All Blacks overcome tough Scots

DUNEDIN, New Zealand, June 16. (Reuter): New Zealand's rugby All Blacks beat a surprisingly confident Scotland team 31-16 today in the first Test of a two-Test series between the two countries.

The outcome was in doubt at least until the turnaround as Scotland, the 1990 Five Nations champions, ran the ball through the backs and composed some competitive moves.

New Zealand-born Sean Lineen, the son of an All Black, scored Scotland's first try, running in under the posts after just seven minutes.

The world champion All Blacks, who have been plagued by three defections to Rugby League in recent months, had control in the second half, apart from a brief glimmer by the Scots that was too late to change the result.

All Black wing John Kirwan scored two tries, while Grant Fox, celebrating his 28th birthday, kicked one penalty, four conversions and scored his debut Test try.

After some thrilling open play, it was the All Blacks who posted the first points on the board. Fly-half Fox kicked a penalty following some over-exuberance from the Scots in a ruck.

The tourists continued to apply pressure and the payoff soon came. Speedster Lineen, who switched to Scotland in 1988 from top New Zealand province Canterbury, scored with full back Gavin Hastings converting to put Scotland ahead 6-3.

Youthful new cap Walter Little at centre and Ian Jones at lock staged gritty performances for New Zealand. But the day belonged to fullback Kieran Crowley, whose recall after more than three years, received muted media enthusiasm.

Today's matches

1. Ireland vs. Egypt — 6 pm (Kuwait time).
2. Belgium vs. Uruguay — 10 pm.
3. S. Korea vs. Spain — 10 pm.

The first two matches will be shown live by KTV. The recording of S. Korea-Spain game will be shown after the 2nd game.



Italian police hold a young Italian over the bonnet of a police car in Cagliari early today after he was apprehended following disturbances between England fans and local youths. (Reuter wirephoto)

Italy expels three English hooligans

ROME, June 16. (Reuter): Italy deported three English World Cup fans on a blacklist of hooligans today, 12 hours before a match between England and the Netherlands in Cagliari at which serious crowd violence is feared.

Border police at Rome's Fiumicino Airport said the three were among 16 fans detained for identity checks when they arrived from London yesterday afternoon.

English police had tipped off Italian authorities about the group's arrival. The other 13 were released later yesterday.

The three, who had planned to fly on to Cagliari,

were put on the first flight to London this morning, police said.

Four knife-carrying West German supporters were turned back at Italy's borders yesterday before West Germany's 3-1 victory over the United Arab Emirates in Milan, police said.

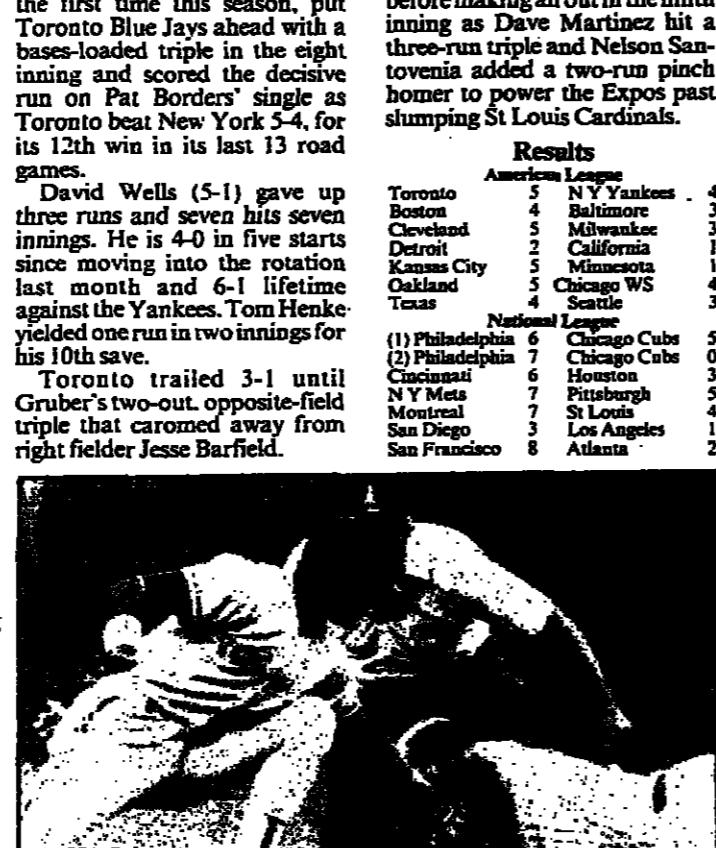
But there was none of the feared violence from fans before or after that match.

More than 4,000 armed police mounted the biggest security drive of the World Cup to try to keep English and Dutch fans apart before, after and during this evening's match.

Gruber takes Blue Jays past Yankees



Cardinals' Todd Zeile (centre) is congratulated by team-mates after his 3-run homer. (Reuter wirephoto)



Expos' Delino DeShields safely steals second as Cardinals' Ozzie Smith tries to make a tag. (Reuter wirephoto)